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Human-rights museum board was divided on Nakba exhibit, records show

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Multiple trustees at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights raised concerns beginning last fall that a new exhibit on the Palestinian Nakba could damage the institution's reputation and hurt fundraising efforts. But the board members were rebuffed by management, who told them content curation is not their responsibility, according to internal meeting minutes.

The minutes, obtained by The Globe and Mail, include around 200 pages of records from November, 2025, to this past May. Coupled with interviews conducted separately with one former and four current trustees, they demonstrate that the high-profile museum's 11-member board was divided over the exhibit from its announcement last year until its launch in late June.

Some board members were particularly concerned about the Nakba display linking historic events of the 1940s to the present-day war between Israel and Hamas. Records show that the apprehension was bolstered by multiple major donors pausing their funding campaigns ahead of the exhibit's opening. This had caused the Winnipeg-based museum to fall short of its financial targets.

The small exhibit, which occupies two walls on the fifth floor of the seven-level museum, has been denounced by many Jewish groups as an attack on Israeli statehood. One trustee has resigned in protest, and the issue has led to wider public blowback, especially in Ottawa, where it has become a frequent topic of debate.

Heritage Minister Marc Miller, meanwhile, has criticized the display's "regrettable" language about the Israel-Hamas conflict.

Several trustees at the museum, a Crown corporation, had proposed delaying the display to allow more time to address what they perceived as the "reputational risk" associated with it. They wanted to invite public consultation on the matter, the minutes confirm. They also wanted the museum to create a policy for what the minutes referred to as "quality control" for such exhibits.

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Ottawa unveils plan to hit back at $27.6-billion in U.S. products

Government targets nearly 900 items, ranging from steel to seafood, with tariffs of up to 50%

Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne is joined by other officials as he details Canada's response to U.S. tariffs at a news conference in Ottawa on Tuesday. The newly unveiled countertariffs are scheduled to come into force on Sept. 8. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ottawa is hitting back against the United States with hefty countertariffs on $27.6-billion worth of American products, including metals, seafood, clothing, home appliances and electronic devices.

Prime Minister Mark Carney's government says the new tariffs aim to shore up the domestic market for Canadian companies hit by U.S. tariffs, while also ramping up political pressure south of the border.

The federal government outlined Tuesday how it plans to retaliate against the new 50-per-cent tariffs U.S. President Donald Trump placed on around $28-billion worth of Canadian goods during the weekend after trade talks collapsed late Friday.

Ottawa is targeting nearly 900 items, with most of the levies set at 25 per cent or 50 per cent, while a small number are subject to a lower, 15-per-cent duty. The tariffs are scheduled to come into force on Sept. 8.

The government also outlined a $7.5-billion support package of "new and enhanced" measures Tuesday for Canadian workers and businesses affected by the latest wave of American tariffs. The measures include easier access to Employment Insurance for affected workers and a range of loan programs for businesses.

Speaking at a news conference with other federal ministers, Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne said the new U.S. tariffs will have real consequences for Canadian workers and businesses across the country.

"Canada must respond," he said. "Canada will match the United States tariffs dollar for dollar, rate for rate."

The latest round of retaliation is a return to an earlier phase of the trade war when Ottawa announced three rounds of tariffs last spring on more than $90-billion worth of U.S. products. Last summer, Mr. Carney removed roughly half of those countertariffs as a goodwill gesture to the Trump administration to try to advance trade talks. Now, after two failed rounds of trade talks – one last October and one last week – Ottawa is ramping things up again.

The most significant part of Canada's retaliation, from a dollar perspective, is the decision to raise tariffs on steel and aluminum, as well as many products made from the metals, to 50 per cent from the current 25 per cent.

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Country music legend rose from poverty to superstardom with songs of hardship and hope

BILL FRISKICS-WARREN

Dolly Parton, a rhinestone-studded, rags-to-riches daughter of Appalachia who for six decades ruled country music – and much of pop culture – with an outsize personality and down-home wit that enshrined her as one of America's most cherished originals, died Tuesday in Nashville. She was 80.

Her death was announced in a video posted on social media by her nephew Bryan Seaver. No cause was provided.

Concerns about Ms. Parton's health, which began last year as she postponed and later cancelled a Las Vegas residency, grew to the point that she took to social media last fall to announce, "I ain't dead yet." In May, she said she had responded well to treatment after, as she put it, her immune and digestive systems "got all out of whack" in recent years.

From her hardscrabble beginnings to glittering stardom, Ms. Parton's life was the stuff of make-believe.

With her voluptuous figure, sparkly stage costumes and blond bouffant wigs, she was likened by writer Chet Flippo to the Big Rock Candy Mountain, the Depression-era symbol of abundance. Her songs spoke to millions, confronting privation and loss even as they radiated possibility and hope.

Dolly Parton performs at the Glastonbury Festival in Somerset, England, in 2014. Ms. Parton composed about 3,000 songs over the course of a six-decade career. LEON NEAL/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

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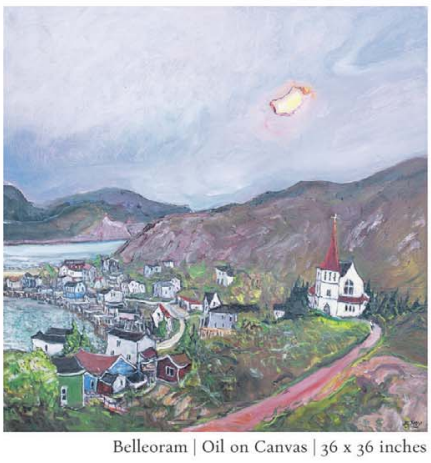

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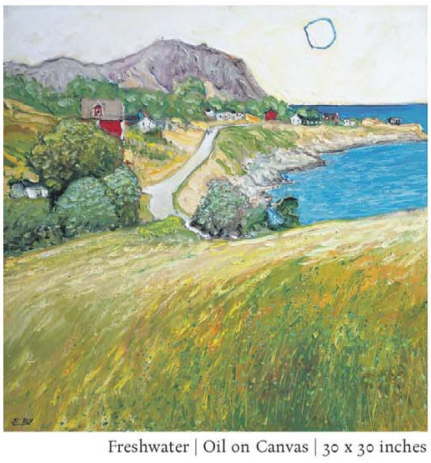

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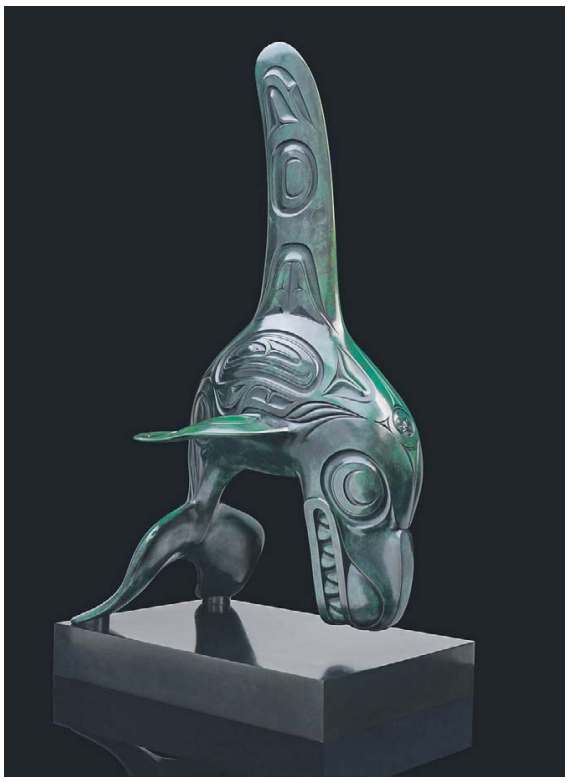

BILL REID, KILLER WHALE, 1984, BRONZE, 71.12 X 20.32 X 27.94 CM., AUDAIN ART MUSEUM COLLECTION. GIFT OF MICHAEL AUDAIN AND YOSHIKO KARASAWA. PHOTOGRAPH BY TREVOR MILLS, COURTESY OF VANCOUVER ART GALLERY.

Located in Whistler, B.C., the Audain Art Museum was founded through a philanthropic gift from Michael Audain and Yoshiko Karasawa. One of Canada's newer museums, it opened to the public in 2016. The museum's permanent collection features more than 300 works representing the art of British Columbia. Special exhibitions throughout the year feature artists of national and international significance. audainartmuseum.com

In 1951, Bill Reid returned to British Columbia after starting a broadcasting career in Toronto with CBC Radio and studying jewellery-making at what was then called the Ryerson Institute of Technology. From his studio on Granville Island in Vancouver, he referenced the artistic traditions of his Haida ancestors to create gold rings, bracelets and pendants. Mr. Reid soon moved to large-scale red cedar carvings and bronze casts, including this sinuous killer whale sculpture, which helped advance Indigenous Northwest Coast formline design traditions into a contemporary context.

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A July 25 news article about the Manitou Stone meteorite incorrectly stated that it measures about a metre wide. It measures about 55 centimetres wide.

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Australia's music industry bans AI-generated tracks from charts

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Australia's recorded music industry will bar tracks wholly generated by artificial intelligence from official charts as burgeoning generative technologies threaten artists' livelihoods, a representative said on Tuesday.

The crackdown comes as a variation of Madonna's pop hit *Like a Prayer* created by an Australian producer using AI-generated vocals and drums has spent 16 weeks in the Australian Top 20, stoking debate about generative AI's place in music. It peaked at No. 2 on the Australian Record Industry Association's Top 20 Australian singles chart in May and remained in fourth place on Tuesday.

Wholly AI-generated tracks will be banned from the ARIA charts from Monday next week, but some AI-assisted music will remain eligible, an ARIA statement said.

Tracks can be eligible only if "humans wrote the song and performed the lead vocal and the primary instruments," among other requirements, the statement said.

AI-generated music would also be ineligible for the Australian industry's prestigious ARIA awards.

ARIA chief executive Annabelle Herd said: "These changes reflect our intent to remain dynamic and promote the human nature of artistry in what is – to say the least – a rapidly developing space."

"The ARIA Charts will always remain a transparent measurement of the music Australia consumes, but a chart that rewards unlicensed AI output would undercut the very basis of the recorded music we exist to represent," Ms. Herd added.

Eligible music must also be produced using legal AI services. Music was appearing on streaming services that had apparently been developed with AI tools trained on artists' music without authorization.

The Australian rules are in step with new principles released in July by the London-based International Federation of the Phonographic Industry. The federation represents the recording industry worldwide.

The international guidelines state that to qualify for official music charts, a track must be "substantially human made."

Sydney Conservatorium of Music composer and lecturer Alexis Weaver told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. that the debate around AI in music was "exceptionally fraught and very emotional for a lot of musicians and so everyone will have a different opinion."

Ms. Weaver applauded ARIA's move as a "wonderful step forward" that sent a message ARIA wanted to "prioritize and value human creativity."

"It can be quite hard to avoid AI tools in the current landscape," Ms. Weaver said. "There is a way to use it while you're still steering the ship and making the main creative choices."

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AUCTION FOR TORONTO'S FIFA BEAVERS CLOSES WITH MORE THAN $170,000 IN TOTAL BIDS

The bid to own one of the FIFA World Cup-themed beaver statues sprawled across an eastern downtown Toronto neighbourhood has officially closed.

The online bidding on 50 beaver installations closed on Monday and received more than $170,000 in total bids.

The vibrant beavers were part of an artistic scavenger hunt hosted by the Old Town Toronto Business Improvement Area, which ran between May 25 and Aug. 16.

The auction site shows an anonymous bidder swept up the hand-painted Canadian motif beaver featuring fall-coloured maple leaves for $10,025.

The Scottish beaver won the second-highest bid of more than $7,500. The beaver representing Spain, which won the tournament this year, was sold for $3,200.

The Old Town Toronto Business Improvement Area says it plans to split the proceeds equally between two charitable organizations: Toronto's First Post Office and KidSport Ontario.

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Trump's threat to rename Lake Ontario doesn't hold water with First Nations

'Lake America' proposal irks Indigenous people whose ancestors inspired explorers

MATTHEW FRANK

People look out across Lake Ontario and the Toronto Skyline from the Toronto Harbour on Tuesday. KEITO NEWMAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Long before European explorers landed on North American soil, it was Indigenous people who named many of the Great Lakes.

Longhouses and communities dotted the shores of Lake Ontario, whose name originates from the Iroquois word meaning "beautiful lake" or "sparkling water."

When a contingent of explorers charted the lake in the mid-17th century, they adopted the Indigenous name they heard and inscribed it on maps. While French explorers initially used other names, such as Lac Frontenac, it was Lake Ontario that stuck. That name for the lake, which is split along the Canada-U.S. border, hasn't been touched for nearly 400 years.

U.S. President Donald Trump is threatening to alter that narrative. On Tuesday morning, as the trade war between the neighbouring countries continued to escalate, Mr. Trump said in a social-media post that the U.S. is considering renaming the body of water that laps onto the shore of its namesake province and New York State as "Lake America."

While Mr. Trump does not have the power to compel other countries – including Canada – to recognize a name change, experts and Indigenous leaders say such a threat imposes American nationalism and erases Indigenous identity.

Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte Chief R. Donald Maracle said Mr. Trump's threatened name change is an "attack" on Indigenous people. His community, located roughly 190 kilometres east of Toronto, is 20 kilometres from Lake Ontario.

"It's a lot of politics involved in the whole trade discussions, and our culture should not be eroded in that process or our rights," Mr. Maracle said in an interview.

Mr. Trump passed an executive order last year to rename the Gulf of Mexico to the "Gulf of America." While the U.S. federal government refers to the body of water by the new name, it isn't universally recognized.

He can use that power again to rename Lake Ontario, but Canada isn't compelled to acknowledge or adopt it, according to Daniel Macfarlane, an environmental historian and geography professor at Western Michigan University.

Industry Minister Mélanie Joly said during a Tuesday news conference that "we'll always call it Lake Ontario." (When asked for a response to Mr. Trump's post, Audrey Champoux, spokesperson for the Prime Minister's Office, said in an e-mail: "Nothing to add.")

All bodies of water shared by Canada and the U.S. are governed by the International Boundary Waters Treaty Act signed in 1909. The treaty formed the International Joint Commission, an independent, impartial binational commission that co-ordinates transboundary water issues.

> Lake Ontario was vital for early Canada-U.S. trade before the 19th century when rail lines were built.

However, the commission has no role in naming any shared bodies of water, IJC spokesperson Sarah Lobrichon said in an e-mail.

The treaty specifies that the Governor-General can add, delete or amend the names of transnational water bodies, at the recommendation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The province where the water body is located must also be consulted before a decision is made.

Asked about Mr. Trump's latest comments on Tuesday, Ontario Premier Doug Ford dismissed the post as "a lot of rhetoric."

Canada also has a national body called the Geographical Names Board of Canada that's responsible for co-ordinating the hundreds of years to the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, also known as the Iroquois League, which joined six nations together in the early 18th century.

Mr. Maracle said Mr. Trump should consult with Indigenous communities before floating new names for lakes.

Derek Alderman, a geography professor at the University of Tennessee, has studied Mr. Trump's efforts to change landmark and place names.

The targeting of Lake Ontario follows a broader trend of Mr. Trump attempting to erase Indigenous culture, he said, citing the renaming of Mount McKinley from Mount Denali in 2025, also through an executive order.

"Place names are not bargaining chips. They're not meant to be pawns or weapons in these sorts of tit-for-tat struggles," Prof Alderman said from his office in Knoxville, Tenn.

He said the President uses place names, such as Lake America, to exert influence and extend an "America-first ideology" across the continent. Prof. Alderman said even threatening to change the name to Lake America can be damaging.

"When you change a name so abruptly and so unilaterally, with really little public discussion, to what extent are you introducing a situation where people are having the way they see the world disrupted, and that is a psychological cost, as well as educational cost," he said.

James Conolly, an archeology and anthropology professor at Trent University in Peterborough, Ont., said reconsidering place names is sometimes necessary when it doesn't reflect a community, but "Lake America" is a "nonsensical proposal."

Lake Ontario's name preserves assigning of new names.

The history of Mr. Maracle's First Nation can be traced back the linguistic connection to Indigenous people within Canada that predated any colonial powers, he said.

"'Ontario' belongs to a much deeper history of the Great Lakes than the modern international boundary running through them," he said in an e-mail.

Prof. Macfarlane, who is also a senior fellow at the University of Toronto, couldn't hold back his laughter when he saw Mr. Trump's threat.

"It's so ridiculous. Not only the idea of it, but also the reason why he would do it," he said.

Prof. Macfarlane, who is Canadian, said both countries previously "patted themselves on the back" about the boundary waters treaty and held it out as an example for the world to emulate.

Lake Ontario was vital for early Canada-U.S. trade before the 19th century when rail lines were built. People at Fork York, in present-day Toronto, would send ships loaded with wheat, tools and fish to the Americans in exchange for charcoal, Prof. Macfarlane said.

Now, Mr. Trump's threat is symbolic of the deteriorating trading relationship that used to be a strength across shared waters, he said.

As a ship was getting unloaded at the docks near Toronto's Sugar Beach on Tuesday, Ian Charlton grabbed a chair in his regular spot under an umbrella to enjoy lunch overlooking Lake Ontario.

While Mr. Trump's claims of renaming the lake are attention grabbing, the 56-year-old said it's the wrong approach when trying to rile up Canadians.

"These outbursts, if you can call them that, do the opposite to the citizenry," he said.

"It unites us."

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Four takeaways from Canada's retaliation

Measures will affect 900 items, including everything from honey to clothing

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Following the dramatic collapse of trade talks with the United States last week, the Canadian government has unveiled the list of American products Canada will target with retaliatory tariffs as of Sept. 8.

The countertariffs, aimed at close to 900 items, run the gamut from fishing rods to industrial equipment and cover roughly $28-billion worth of goods.

Here are four things we learned from Canada's tariff hit list.

AN EYE FOR AN EYE

From the outset, Prime Minister Mark Carney said Canada would respond dollar-for-dollar to U.S. President Donald Trump's 50-per-cent tariffs on $27.6-billion worth of imports from Canada.

Many of the items on Canada's list appear to be lifted directly from Mr. Trump's own tariff playbook, including honey, hair care products and metal furniture.

But while the flow of some tariffed items like networking equipment between the two countries are similar in scale, most are not. Canada shipped much more insulated electric wire and cable to the U.S. than it bought.

The same goes for honey, with Canadian producers facing a bigger hit than their U.S. counterparts.

SOME TARIFFS WILL HIT CLOSER TO HOME

Despite the announcement of a $7.5-billion support package for businesses and workers, there's little question that Canadian consumers will feel the impacts of the countertariffs.

Importers will inevitably pass some of their tariff costs on to their customers.

At the same time, the tariffs will lower U.S. imports, and that reduced competition will give domestic companies more pricing power.

While countertariffs on industrial products like steel and networking equipment account for the largest dollar values, duties on consumer items like golf clubs, hair care products, video game consoles, clothing, and furniture will all hit Canadians more directly.

THE BIG PICTURE

Not every state will feel Canada's countertariffs equally.

Maine, which exported $300-million of lobster to Canada in 2025, is acutely exposed since roughly one-third of the products facing countertariffs are seafood.

Likewise, Canada is one of the largest foreign purchasers of motorcycles from Pennsylvania, where Harley Davidson has a plant. More than $120-million worth of motorcycles from that state will now be subject to a 50-per-cent tariff.

Ohio is arguably the state with the most at stake, with $3.2-billion of tariff-covered exports heading north, largely made up of metals and metal derivatives.

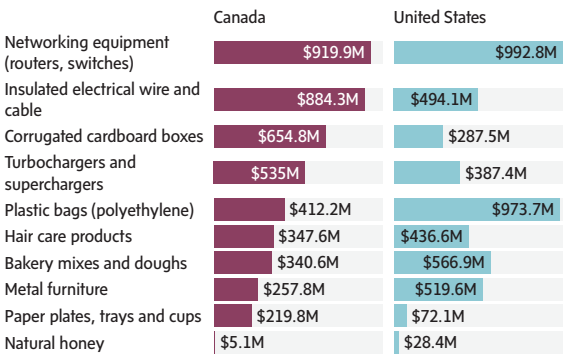
FROM ZERO TO 50

Canada's retaliation list targets both products covered by existing tariffs – albeit now with higher levies – and goods that currently enter Canada duty-free.

For instance, a key element of Canada's retaliation, and one that carries the largest dollar value, was the move by Ottawa to hike existing tariffs on steel and aluminum and derivative products to 50 per cent from the current 25 per cent.

But many other items are being hit by duties for the first time, and the tariff costs are significant. Canada's 2025 imports of $920-million worth of networking equipment, such as routers and switches, would incur a $460-million duty charge.

Tit for tat, dollar for dollar
2025 trade value for 10 products that appear on both Canada's Sept. 8, 2026 countertariff list and the U.S.'s Section 338 tariffs in July



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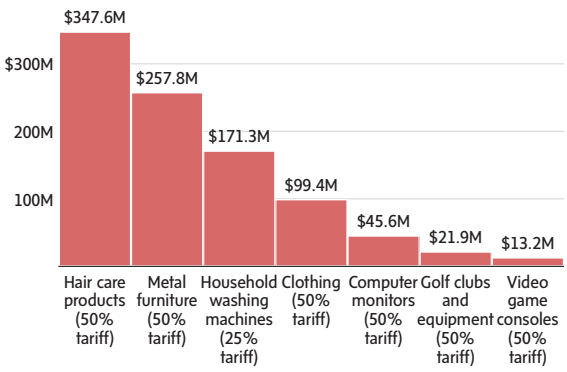
What Canada's countertariffs mean for consumer purchases
2025 value of imports from the U.S. in select consumer categories subject to Sept. 8 countertariffs



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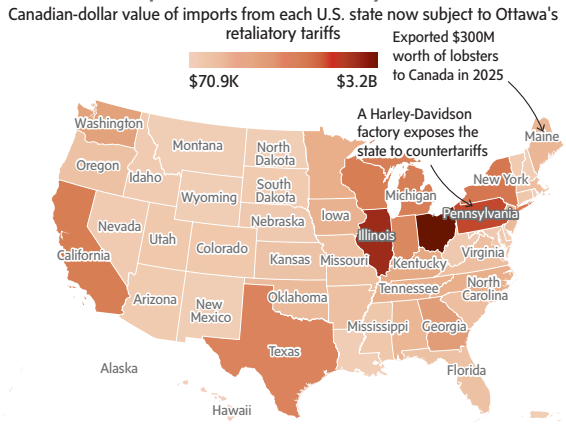
Impact of Canada's retaliatory tariffs
Canadian-dollar value of imports from each U.S. state now subject to Ottawa's retaliatory tariffs



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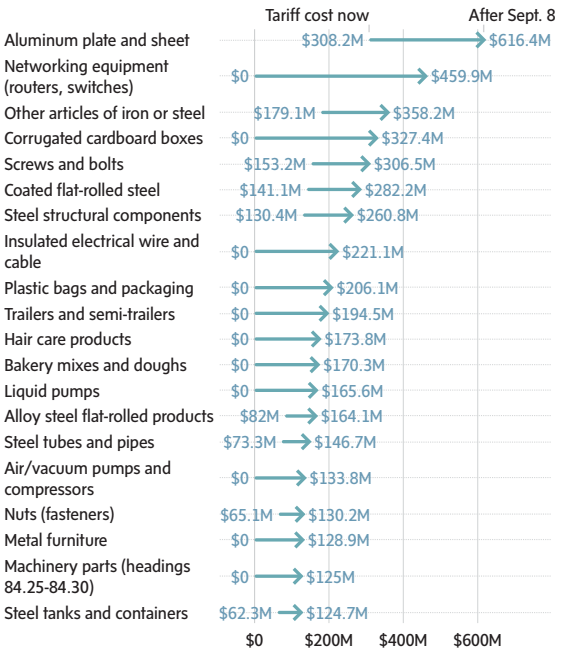
Estimated annual tariff cost for select products before and after the Sept. 8 countertariffs


Tariff cost now
After Sept. 8
Aluminum plate and sheet $308.2M $616.4M
Networking equipment (routers, switches) $0 $459.9M
Other articles of iron or steel $179.1M $358.2M
Corrugated cardboard boxes $0 $327.4M
Screws and bolts $153.2M $306.5M
Coated flat-rolled steel $141.1M $282.2M
Steel structural components $130.4M $260.8M
Insulated electrical wire and cable $0 $221.1M
Plastic bags and packaging $0 $206.1M
Trailers and semi-trailers $0 $194.5M
Hair care products $0 $173.8M
Bakery mixes and doughs $0 $170.3M
Liquid pumps $0 $165.6M
Alloy steel flat-rolled products $82M $164.1M
Steel tubes and pipes $73.3M $146.7M
Air/vacuum pumps and compressors $0 $133.8M
Nuts (fasteners) $65.1M $130.2M
Metal furniture $0 $128.9M
Machinery parts (headings 84.25-84.30) $0 $125M
Steel tanks and containers $62.3M $124.7M
$0
$200M
$400M
$600M

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Ford lowers temperature in CNN appearance after Trump exchange

JEFF GRAY
QUEEN'S PARK REPORTER

Ontario Premier Doug Ford, appearing on CNN Tuesday morning, struck a conciliatory tone a day after he and U.S. President Donald Trump exchanged a series of public and personal insults amid the escalating Canada-U.S. trade war.

The segment of *The Situation Room* began with tape of Mr. Ford's Monday outburst on a Toronto talk radio station, when he said Mr. Trump could "kiss my ass." The Ontario Premier acknowledged Tuesday that it would be wiser to lower the temperature.

"Things got a little heated, it got a little personal yesterday between the President and myself," Mr. Ford said, speaking to co-host Wolf Blitzer remotely from Queen's Park, against a backdrop of Canadian flags. "But I want to make a deal, a good deal for the American people, a good deal for the Canadians."

Earlier Tuesday, Mr. Trump had added more of his own fuel to the fire. In a post on social media, the President said he was "giving serious consideration" to changing the name of Lake Ontario, because the United States doesn't expect to do "much business with Ontario any longer." He followed with a post showing a map with the body of water renamed "Lake America."

Asked about these latest comments, Mr. Ford dismissed the post as "a lot of rhetoric," saying that Ontario is the No. 1 customer of 17 U.S. states, and No. 2 of another 12. He also said an estimated nine million Americans are employed producing goods bound just for Ontario. And he defended Canada's actions in the face of U.S. tariffs. "We're stronger believers in being a sovereign country, and when President Trump wants to attack our sovereignty and attack, you know, our people and business in Ontario, I can't roll over," Mr. Ford said.

> On Fox Business, Mr. Ford sounded a similar tone as he did on CNN. He said he supports Canada's retaliatory moves, as the country faces an 'unprovoked attack' from Mr. Trump.

Speaking in Hamilton on Monday, Mr. Ford said all options for retaliation were on the table, mentioning he could cut off electricity exports or apply a surcharge to them – the latter of which he did for just 24 hours last year, before attracting Mr. Trump's ire – or restrict critical-minerals exports. He even suggested using oil as a bargaining chip, an option rejected again by Alberta Premier Danielle Smith.

In Tuesday's CNN interview, among remarks peppered with assertions he and other Canadians love the American people, Mr. Ford alluded to Canada's supplies of potash, oil and uranium, and said Canadian electricity keeps the lights on in 1.5 million U.S. homes.

"What I was saying, you know, Wolf, is that everything is on the table right now, but would I rather send more electricity to power your plants and power your data centres and power other areas and homes, that you don't have?" Mr. Ford said. "We have the electricity that the U.S. needs, and I am more than happy to send them more if we get a fair deal."

Mr. Ford made a series of other appearances on U.S. media outlets on Tuesday. He declined to stop and speak to reporters waiting in the hall at Queen's Park.

On Fox Business, Mr. Ford sounded a similar tone as he did on CNN. He said he supports Canada's retaliatory moves, as the country faces an "unprovoked attack" from Mr. Trump. But he also said the two countries would be stronger if they worked together.

Speaking to Bloomberg, Mr. Ford said he was considering an electricity surcharge rather than cutting off electricity exports.

Eby says Canadian response in trade war should include non-tariff measures

MIKE HAGER VANCOUVER

B.C. Premier David Eby says he is pushing Prime Minister Mark Carney to embrace retaliatory trade war tactics other than tariffs, including walking away from the purchase of American fighter jets and hampering the shipping of Montana's thermal coal through a port south of Vancouver.

Mr. Eby said at a press conference in Vancouver that Mr. Carney's steps to stand up to the United States after talks broke down Friday have been proportionate and would afford Canadian businesses some protection.

The Premier also told reporters Tuesday that federal supports for workers affected by the latest round of punishing U.S. tariffs are a "good start."

But he said Ottawa's response is missing key elements, including revisiting the planned $12-billion purchase of F-35 fighter jets. He also suggested the government should review the exporting of thermal coal from the U.S. through the Westshore port in Delta, B.C., after which it is shipped to East Asia, where it is burned to generate electricity and industrial heating.

Mr. Eby said his province plans to soon provide a list of other levers it and the government of Canada can pull to hurt the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump.

"At this point, the ones that I feel comfortable talking about are both exclusively in the federal jurisdiction but have impacts on B.C.: the coal trains from the U.S. that go out through [Westshore], and the plan to spend $12-billion on a country that just kicked us in the back," Mr. Eby said, standing in a government liquor store, before shelves bereft of American alcohol.

He said he has not talked to B.C. billionaire Jim Pattison, who owns nearly half the stock in the company that owns and operates the terminal that exports thermal coal from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming and Montana.

Last year, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority reported the export of 14.8 million tonnes of thermal coal last year, which was a decline of roughly 14 per cent from the amounts shipped out in each of the previous two years. Meanwhile, the export of metallurgical coal, used for the production of steel and other products, increased nominally over that time span to 24.8 million tonnes, according to the port authority's statistical report from earlier this year.

The federal government outlined Tuesday how it plans to retaliate against the new 50-per-cent tariffs Mr. Trump placed on around $28-billion worth of Canadian goods over the weekend after trade talks collapsed late Friday.

Ottawa is targeting nearly 900 different items, with most of the levies set at 25 per cent or 50 per cent, while a small number are subject to a lower 15-per-cent duty. The tariffs are scheduled to come into force on Sept. 8.

Energy academics say the proposal to tax this American coal or ban its export altogether could inflict pain on Canadian employees of the terminal and the railways that ship the black rock, which Ottawa has pledged to phase out of domestic energy production by 2030.

But, they say, it could also irritate Mr. Trump as the thermal coal industry is an enthusiastic supporter of his political career and is located in a region where he has enjoyed popularity at the polls.

Kathryn Harrison, a political science professor at the University of British Columbia who focuses on climate and energy, said curtailing this coal would align with former prime minister Justin Trudeau's 2021 campaign promise to phase out its export by the decade's end. She observed that Canada is now a global leader in advocating for the end of the most carbon-intensive form of mass energy production.

Plus, Dr. Harrison noted, new export terminals for thermal coal have already been rejected by communities up and down the West Coast of the U.S., including in Bellingham, Wash.

"They're trying to get this dirty stuff out while they still can and we have been facilitating that," she said.

John Steen, director of the Bradshaw Research Institute for Minerals and Mining at UBC, said a tax or ban of these exports wouldn't hurt Canadian allies South Korea and Japan because they could find more supply from Australia.

James Brander, a professor emeritus of UBC's strategy and business economics division, said enacting such a policy would be a big escalation of the trade war, at a time when people within the American administration seem keen for an off-ramp that the Prime Minister also likely wants.

With a report from The Canadian Press

Oh, the stupidity

Canada is forced to retaliate in the dumbest trade war

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OPINION

Workers are seen at Ideal Roofing's plant in Ottawa on Tuesday. Retaliatory tariffs announced Tuesday mostly mirror U.S. duties, so Canadian companies won't have to compete with American products coming into the country. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A read of the long list of U.S. products from air conditioners to sewing needles that will now be subject to Canadian countertariffs should only lead to one conclusion: This whole thing is stupid.

It's not the Canadian retaliation that is stupid. That is necessary. It was forced upon Canada, by aggressive U.S. trade tactics but also by the destructive, domineering intent they are meant to serve.

But here we are, in 2026, slapping 50-per-cent tariffs on American fishing rods and light fixtures and steel and so on to counter their unjustified 50-per-cent tariffs on hockey sticks and honey and on and on. On both sides of the border, inflation will go up, plants will close and people will lose their livelihoods.

As if to remind us how far we are from sanity, the President of the United States went on social media to declare that the U.S. "is giving serious consideration" to changing the name of Lake Ontario to Lake America – which among other things raises the question of what the word "serious" means in Donald Trump's world.

Then there is the exchange of schoolyard taunts with the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, whose kiss-my-ass defiance of Mr. Trump initiated an uncreative war of words.

There are plenty of Canadians who will second Mr. Ford's emotions about Mr. Trump, and there is some dark fun in the way their country's most boisterous premier is living rent-free in POTUS's head. For some, it's comic relief for early days in a maddening trade war. But let's admit it is still fighting stupid with stupid.

In that environment, Prime Minister Mark Carney and his ministers have – so far, at least – shown an admirable level of relative cool.

The retaliatory tariffs announced Tuesday mostly mirror U.S. tariffs, so that Canadian companies that now can't profitably sell into the U.S. market won't have to compete with U.S. products coming into Canada. These measures didn't amount to wild swings or provocative reaction.

They were, if anything, a cautious first move, without shivs – such as targeting Republican districts – that might goad Mr. Trump to escalate again. Now that's up to him.

Mr. Carney has made some pointed comments about Mr. Trump and his administration, including that their signature is sometimes written in pencil, but he did not indulge in name-calling as Mr. Ford has.

Of course, the madness of the trade war and its senseless economic destruction comes from Donald Trump. It's what he does. There isn't much point now lamenting his protectionist policies.

But you'd think many Americans would see there's a difference between building a tariff wall against Chinese goods and trying to drive Canada's economy to its knees. You would think more would object to the senselessness. And some do – but Project Stupid is still going full speed ahead.

American auto workers might want to see more assembly plants in the U.S., but it should be pretty clear to Michigan auto workers that uprooting the Canadian chunk of the Great Lakes auto ecosystem isn't going to make the other side of it more competitive. And also, that if Mr. Trump's policies succeeded in moving Canada's auto-assembly plants to the U.S., Canadians will one day be buying more cheap cars from China, or elsewhere.

Mr. Trump has given this trade war an existential meaning for Canadians, so there isn't much easy opportunity to make a deal, and it's a double problem because the U.S. President doesn't stick to his commitments. In the meantime, he will mete out punishment to people who make hockey sticks because Canada dared to respond to his attacks by pulling Wild Turkey off the shelves.

One good thing is the hope that Buy Canadian polices will create some new Canadian companies and another is that Mr. Trump's threats will shake off complacency and encourage independence. But there's still no sense at all in a Canada-U.S. trade war.

Somewhere, someone in Ottawa is probably trying to figure out if tariffing plastic spatulas or chewing gum, or whatever, is the best way to respond to the next wave of Mr. Trump's threats. They're forced to do this because smart folks in the U.S. are turning their talents to acts of economic vandalism that will throw people out of work. And stay tuned for plans to change the name of the St. Lawrence to the America River.

Tariffs: Joly says Canada's retaliation has been targeted to generate political pressure

FROM A1

After that, the biggest hit will be to machinery and mechanical appliances, paper and paperboard, electrical machinery and seafood.

Ottawa is targeting a number of consumer items, including dishwashers and refrigerators, furniture and lighting, golf clubs, motorcycles, beauty products and video game consoles. Even smartphones are on the list, although most Canadian smartphones are not actually manufactured in the U.S.

Industry Minister Mélanie Joly said during the same news conference that there is also a political element to Canada's choice of tariffs.

"We're also targeting products that will target states in the U.S. and so we're being wise and strategic to put political pressure," she said.

While she did not elaborate, Bradley Saunders, an economist with Capital Economics, pointed out in a note that Canada's new 25-per-cent tariff on seafood will hit Maine and Alaska hardest, "both Senate races which the Democrats are hoping to win from President Trump's Republican Party in the upcoming midterm elections."

By value of imports, the U.S. states being hit hardest by Ottawa's measures are Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, California and Michigan. As a proportion of the state's total exports to Canada, Maine, Arkansas, Alaska, Wisconsin and Vermont are being squeezed the most.

The government will maintain its tariff remission system, which allows companies that can't source critical inputs domestically to apply for a tariff wavier.

Dennis Darby, chief executive officer of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters, said the remission system will be crucial as Ottawa's retaliatory measures disrupt supply chains and pile costs onto Canadian manufacturers.

"Canada has every right to respond to unjustified U.S. tariffs. However, countertariffs can also increase costs for Canadian manufacturers that depend on U.S. inputs, particularly small manufacturers with limited ability to change their supply chains," Mr. Darby said in a statement.

Royce Mendes, head of macro strategy at Desjardins, said that Ottawa's countermeasures could bring in roughly $7-billion a year worth of tariff revenue, presuming buying patterns do not change materially. He pointed out that the new package is in addition to $25-billion in previously announced supports. Federal officials said they do not expect the revenue from the new tariffs to cover the cost of the support package.

Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne greets workers at Ideal Roofing after speaking at a news conference on Canada's response to U.S. tariffs in Ottawa on Tuesday. He said new U.S. tariffs will have real consequences for Canadian workers and businesses across the country. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mr. Trump's new 50-per-cent tariffs against Canadian products hit electronics, plastics, paper, furniture and home appliances, among other products. The U.S. measures, which came into force on Saturday after trade talks collapsed, target around 5 per cent of Canadian exports with the damage concentrated in Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia.

Business groups welcomed Ottawa's support but expressed concern that the programs could be challenging to access and are weighted heavily toward loans that could be difficult to pay back.

Alberta Premier Danielle Smith told The Globe in a statement that while she appreciates the federal government's announcement, she remains concerned that tariffs and countertariffs increase economic costs.

"There is still time before these countertariffs take effect on Sept. 8, and I am urging the federal government to use that time to get back to the negotiating table with the United States," she said.

Tariffs raise costs for importers and consumers, so Canada's retaliatory measures will be felt domestically. A Bank of Canada study of Ottawa's retaliatory measures against the U.S. last year found that prices for targeted items rose by around 6 per cent – with roughly a quarter of the 25-per-cent tariff being passed along to end consumers. At the peak of the price shock, the countertariffs added about 0.3 per cent to headline inflation.

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre called on the government to recall Parliament early for a debate on Canada's response. He said the government should bring in an "economic action plan" to support growth that would include a range of measures, including temporarily removing all tax on gasoline and removing the federal sales tax on Canadian-made cars.

Speaking with reporters in Windsor, Ont., Mr. Poilievre also encouraged Canadians to buy domestic goods.

"I send the message out to my fellow Canadians: Buy Canadian. Look at the label, make sure that the things you're buying have as much Canadian content as humanly possible. Support your fellow workers and stand up for our country," he said. "We need to join together in a spirit of Canada first."

Mr. Poilievre highlighted the fact that a temporary suspension of the fuel excise tax, which started in April, is set to expire on Sept. 7. He said it should be extended until Canada Day next year.

Mr. Champagne did not reject the idea when asked for his response at the news conference.

"The Prime Minister and I are always listening," he said. "I can assure you that we're very much seized of that issue."

On Monday, Ontario Premier Doug Ford traded insults with Mr. Trump.

Mr. Trump commented further on Truth Social Tuesday morning.

"The United States is giving serious consideration to changing the name of Lake Ontario to Lake America in that we don't expect to be doing much business with Ontario any longer," his post said.

Mr. Trump also responded to Mr. Carney's comment that U.S. trade negotiators proposed weakening support for the French language.

"I would never interfere with Canadians speaking French! In fact, I have never even thought of doing such a stupid thing. This lie was made up by a weak and ineffective Prime Minister in an attempt to gain political support, which he has totally lost, from the people of Quebec. I love French Canadians!" the post said.

The specific policies announced Tuesday include a $3.5-billion package of worker supports that is primarily focused on easing access to Employment Insurance.

There will also be a new "Workforce Retention and Retraining Program" that will encourage work sharing. Such programs involve workers sharing a full-time job and being compensated by the government for the balance of their pay.

For businesses, regional development agencies will receive an additional $1.5-billion to provide liquidity support.

A new $500-million stream will be added to a loan program at the Business Development Bank of Canada. The government said this will provide working capital to businesses facing cashflow shortfalls as a result of U.S. tariffs.

For larger projects, a new stream will be added to the Strategic Response Fund called the Canada Strong Diversification Fund, worth $2-billion. The government said this will support "shovel-ready" projects.

Ottawa also said it is providing "new flexibilities" to the $10-billion Large Enterprise Tariff Loan facility, administered by the Canada Enterprise Emergency Funding Corporation (CEEFC). The government said this will provide liquidity for large employers.

Dan Kelly, president of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, expressed disappointment with what he described as "an alphabet soup of complicated programs."

The CFIB is calling for one simple program that could be delivered by the Canada Revenue Agency.

"Instead, we have a patchwork of agencies and programs that no small business has ever heard of before, largely delivering loans to businesses that will have no ability to pay them back," he said.

With a report from Matthew Scace in Calgary

Whether it's Iran or Canada, for Trump, the result is the same

Stunning break in trade negotiations grafts U.S. President's Middle Eastern frustration onto a North American landscape

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ANALYSIS

U.S. President Donald Trump is escalating his economic attacks on Canada and Iran. WIN McNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

Donald Trump was determined to have his way with Iran only to find that Iran wasn't willing to bend to his commands. Then he tried the same technique – demands, tough talk, threats of punishment – with Canada, only to find the same result.

The stunning break in trade negotiations, which Mr. Trump had signalled were on the verge of settlement – much like the negotiations with Iran, which he repeatedly also said were nearing a happy resolution – grafted the U.S. President's Middle Eastern frustration onto a North American landscape.

Prime Minister Mark Carney was no more willing to conform to the American President's demands than was Iranian Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei. Both refused to fall in line – clearly the expectation in the White House – the way members of the Republican Party have.

When Mr. Carney employed the word "war" in announcing Canada's withdrawal from the trade talks and girding Canada for the suite of 50-per-cent tariffs the President has threatened, he instantly transformed Mr. Trump into a wartime president – a wartime president twice over, in two vastly different dimensions.

The frustrating, even infuriating, view from the White House: Two wars, no victories in sight.

In the Trump era, to reverse the famous aphorism of the 19th-century military theorist Carl von Clausewitz, international trade is warfare by other means.

For a President accustomed to having his way – he has bullied rivals in the New York real estate market, Ivy League universities, powerful law firms, heads of regulatory agencies and the Supreme Court – the Carney rejection was a remarkable signal of the limits of intimidation. And the imposition of Mr. Trump's tariffs on more than 500 Canadian items such as car coats, track suits, awnings and gloves used for shovelling snow is the North American version of a blockade of the Strait of Hormuz.

Indeed, there is a "Groundhog Day" element to the two conflicts, one military, the other economic. In both cases, negotiations are suspended. In both cases, at issue is a second country's dignity.

Mohammad Bagher Zolghadr, then Iran's Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council, told Mr. Trump on July 6, "Speak to the Iranian people with respect, otherwise we will respond to you in a different language." This week Mr. Carney, speaking at the Davie shipyard in Lévis, Que., said much the same thing: "When the Americans go to the negotiation table first, with the right attitude toward our industries and a true partnership, of course we'll come to the negotiating table."

In Iran, a barrage of bombs and missiles failed to bring the theocratic leaders of a rogue nation to heel. In Canada, a fusillade of 51st-state takeover threats, insults and tariffs failed to bring America's closest ally to a trade agreement that the Prime Minister characterized as "not something we're going to accept."

Nearly nine months ago, Amir Saeid Iravani, Iran's ambassador to the United Nations, said, "Iran will not surrender its sovereignty." Shortly after the end of the trade negotiations, Mr. Carney, who pledged Canada would match dollar-for-dollar the new Trump import duties, said, "We were not prepared to compromise Canada's sovereignty or to undermine key industries."

In the cases of both Canada and Iran, Mr. Trump assaulted the independence of another country and, in his first remarks after the failure of the talks, he once again taunted Ottawa: "Canada wants the benefits of being a State, without being one!!!"

The Iran situation, to be sure, has far different elements than the North American imbroglio.

Iran possesses the desire if not the implements at present to create a nuclear weapon that would threaten global stability. Its proxies have sown terrorism throughout the Middle East and present a danger to U.S. installations in the region and, potentially, at home.

Canada – whose defence, Mr. Trump has repeatedly reminded the country's leaders, is largely dependent upon the American military umbrella – possesses no physical threat to the United States. It hasn't targeted American installations in Alaska or North Dakota and has no sleeper cells in Greater Boston determined to detonate a bomb under Fenway Park.

Mr. Carney, who spoke the other day of "the storm that blows in from Washington," has won plaudits at home and respect abroad for defying Mr. Trump in a way no other Western leader has done. The Iranian leadership has strengthened its once-precarious domestic position by continuing to defy Mr. Trump.

In both cases, Mr. Trump, thwarted in his effort to prevail and frustrated that his demands have been spurned, is escalating his economic attack.

As the conflict with Iran nears its six-month mark, the President is warning that an "economic D-Day" is imminent; Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent on Monday promised a fresh package of economic measures to pressure Iran. Having been defied at the trade talks by Canada, Mr. Trump threatened new tariff measures on automobiles, trucks and steel.

Then, on Tuesday, Mr. Trump, acknowledging there would be little trade with Ontario in the coming weeks and perhaps substantially longer, threatened to change the name of Lake Ontario to Lake America. The name "Ontario" comes from the Huron word "Ontarí'io," which translates into "great lake" or "beautiful water." The province was named for the lake, rather than the other way around, and in any case preceded the arrival of Europeans to North America.

Mr. Trump tried the same gambit with the Gulf of Mexico. The U.S. Department of Interior and the Coast Guard have been calling the body of water the Gulf of America. But Congress has not formally adopted the term and other countries, international agencies and news outlets generally have been employing the traditional name.

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Canadian film, TV industry not easy bargaining chip U.S. thought it was

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SCREEN TIME

Support for Canadian film and television was among the areas of disagreement in negotiations between Canadian and U.S. trade representatives. JEFF McINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

For the first time in a long, hard, stressful stretch of summer, members of Canada's film and television industry are now overcome by a strange, unfamiliar sensation: hope. Maybe, just maybe, the federal government isn't throwing the country's multibillion-dollar cultural sector to the wolves of the White House after all.

And we can thank last week's failed Canada-U.S. trade negotiations.

The U-turn in sentiment among the many Canadian film and TV producers, distributors, executives, performers, writers, directors and craftspeople takes some getting used to. After all, it was only two months ago that the Department of Canadian Heritage quashed the momentum of the long-in-gestation Online Streaming Act (Bill C-11), which was designed to level the playing field between foreign-owned streamers such as Netflix and Amazon and traditional domestic broadcasters.

By ordering the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to review its May policy on C-11, which would have tripled the contributions of streamers toward the production and promotion of homegrown film, TV and local news – regulations similar to, though not entirely commensurate with, laws in several European markets – Prime Minister Mark Carney seemed to capitulate toward Big Tech interests in the United States.

What was even more embarrassing was Ottawa's justification at the time.

No one in Mr. Carney's government dared to admit that C-11 was a trade irritant for the White House, whose current occupant seems to conjure a new incurable irritant on a daily basis. Instead, Canadian Heritage said the costs imposed by C-11 "could ultimately fall on Canadian consumers through higher prices" – as if the entire business model of streaming isn't based on gradually increasing subscription rates in markets around the world, whether there is local regulation in place or not.

No matter. Ottawa would just simply replace the base-rate contributions of streamers with an annual $600-million injection into the sector. This would arrive courtesy not of giant American corporations that seem to spend almost more time lobbying against C-11 than commissioning Canadian productions, but the Canadian taxpayer, who just a minute ago was under imminent economic threat of subscription hikes. Well, at least the stimulus wouldn't be subject to any eventual change in government, right? Uh-huh.

As the prolific film producer Pierre Even (*C.R.A.Z.Y.*, *Café de Flore*) put it this way this week, "We've always had the impression that culture was always the first sector that concessions came from, which never made sense. Lumber and cars are important, but there are lots of jobs in the cultural sector that need to be protected, too."

Today, though, it appears that culture is no longer on the table as an easy bargaining chip. Indeed, going by some accounts of last week's negotiations between Canadian and U.S. trade representatives, homegrown film and television may have represented the thickest of red lines for Mr. Carney.

Discussing why talks broke down an interview with CNBC on Monday, U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said that "what we don't like is a situation where Canada forces American tech companies to take their earnings to give a percentage to their competitors," all but namechecking C-11 as one of the dealbreakers.

"There are countries like Australia and Canada where they go to somebody like Netflix and say, 'Okay, you make X money, you're going to take 5 per cent of that and give it to Canadian content producers or Québécois content producers and that's what you have to do,' " Mr. Greer added. "We think that's a discriminatory tax on American companies."

What Mr. Greer left unsaid is what the Trump administration will not and possibly cannot comprehend, which is that without the baseline rules every other broadcaster in Canada has followed for decades, streamers will soon become the lone gatekeepers of whether Canadians have access to Canadian stories told by Canadian artists. The hard truth of the matter is that if Canadians roll over on C-11, we will have largely ceded cultural sovereignty to American decision-makers who mostly care about Canada mostly in terms of profit margins, not national identity.

Perhaps Mr. Greer was feeding CNBC audiences a red herring, attempting to distract Canadian voters who care more about auto manufacturing than the arts. But reporting by The Globe's Marie Woolf over the weekend lines up with Mr. Greer's soundbites.

According to a senior government source, Ottawa's negotiators rejected a last-minute demand from the Trump administration that Canada ditch requirements that U.S. streamers must promote Canadian film, TV and music, including French-language content, to domestic users. This is a key tenet of not only C-11 but also Bill 109, a similar piece of Quebec legislation that was passed late last year by the province's National Assembly.

"It was mostly to ensure that there is more content from the U.S. and less Canadian content available on these platforms," the government source told The Globe. "This is a red line."

Inside the industry, the reaction has been one of pleasant shock.

"It's kind of crazy what's happening. Obviously it seems very complicated, but honestly I was surprised and at the same time relieved to see that culture at the end of the day became something very important in this negotiation," producer and film distributor Patrick Roy (*Bon Cop Bad Cop*, *It's Only the End of the World*) said. "I think we're all a bit reassured, even though who knows where these trade talks are going now."

Why the sudden change of heart? About a week before U.S. President Donald Trump pledged to impose 50-per-cent tariffs on $28-billion worth of Canadian goods, a gentle yet tersely worded open letter was sent to the Prime Minister and Canadian Identity and Culture Minister Marc Miller.

Signed by dozens of leading film and television organizations – including the Canadian Media Producers Association and several major film festivals – the letter underlined the "significant uncertainty" Ottawa had introduced into the industry over its reversal on C-11, and urged the government to consider the downstream cultural-sovereignty effects of failing to regulate U.S. streamers.

It is unclear whether the missive was the tipping point for Canadian negotiators when presented with Washington's 11th-hour trade demands, but it certainly couldn't have hurt.

Of course, there are still many unanswered questions and potential roadblocks ahead. Not the least being any hard details as to what percentage of contributions, if any, Ottawa will ultimately pursue from the streamers. And about that annual $600-million stimulus: When will it be injected into the sector, and how will $467-million of the as-yet-unallocated pot be divided?

"Any new investment in Canadian culture, we welcome that. But we don't think Canadian taxpayers should be the replacement for these large platforms that make a profit off of Canadians with their subscriptions," said Warren P. Sonoda, president of the Directors Guild of Canada. "We're waiting to see what happens. And last week's events will definitely affect some timelines."

U.S. streamers can also take retaliatory action as they see fit. While outfits such as Amazon and Paramount are highly unlikely to pull out of the Canadian market altogether, they can impose price hikes, or pull their many sponsorships of local industry confabs and development initiatives, or relocate the various shoots that they have set up across the country. There are more sticks than carrots.

But for now, those who produce, consume and above all believe in the power of Canadian culture – the cornerstone of what this trade war is essentially about, as the Prime Minister has intimated time and again, with both of his elbows way up – can breathe a brief sigh of relief.

Just keep an eye on those Disney+ bills.

[CANADA]

Strong and free

New Canadians celebrate after taking an oath of citizenship on Tuesday at the CNE in Toronto

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Ottawa could see surge of asylum seekers from U.S.

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Immigration experts say Canada should prepare itself for the arrival of asylum seekers at the border after the Trump administration indicated it is preparing a mass cancellation of visas issued over the past decade.

This week, Washington signalled plans to revoke the tourist and business visas of up to 200,000 foreign nationals who have applied for or are actively seeking asylum in the United States. The move is expected to prompt legal challenges, but if it goes ahead it would be the largest single mass revocation of visas in U.S. history.

Some immigration lawyers and academics researching migration in Canada are urging Ottawa to consider allowing those who face having their visas cancelled to enter Canada on a discretionary basis.

Under the Safe Third Country Agreement with the U.S., foreign nationals who have already claimed asylum in the United States are turned away at Canada's border, with a few exceptions, including for those who have family in Canada.

But experts say the Trump administration has undermined the premise of the responsibility-sharing agreement between the two countries by eroding the rights of asylum seekers in the U.S. This latest plan to cancel visas issued between 2016 and 2026 further undermines the pact, they told The Globe and Mail, which is premised on asylum seekers being treated fairly in the United States.

On his inauguration day in January, 2025, U.S. President Donald Trump said an "invasion" at the U.S.-Mexico border justified extreme measures. He indefinitely closed that border to asylum seekers, signed an executive order freezing refugee processing and has slashed the U.S.'s annual refugee cap to a historic low.

Lori Wilkinson, Canada Research Chair in Migration Futures at the University of Manitoba, said the latest announcement from the Trump administration may drive asylum seekers who face the revocation of their visas to try to enter Canada, and said Ottawa should begin considering how it will respond. Border agents and immigration authorities could apply discretion to meet Canada's international humanitarian obligations, she said.

"It's going to mean more people wanting to come to Canada. How many is essentially up to the Canadian government and if they are going to enforce the Safe Third Country Agreement or turn a blind eye," Prof. Wilkinson said. "If we want to obey the international laws and agreements we have signed onto, if we want to fulfill our humanitarian traditions, maybe we will use discretion."

Immigration lawyer Maureen Silcoff said a mass revocation of visas by the Trump administration would undermine the Safe Third Party Agreement to such a degree than Canada should consider pausing it or cancelling it altogether.

The Supreme Court of Canada upheld the Safe Third Country Agreement in a 2023 decision, ruling that it could stand "because it contained ways for Canada to consider refugee status claims when ineligibility under the scheme would lead to deprivations of liberty or security of the person," a summary of the decision said.

Ms. Silcoff said this ruling gives the federal government some leeway in how it interprets the agreement, allowing it to use legislative "safety valves," such as discretionary exemptions on the basis of humanitarian, compassionate or public policy grounds.

Ms. Silcoff said Canada could apply such "safety valves" in the case of asylum seekers from the U.S. who face revocation of their visas, including by not turning them away if they arrive at the border.

"The government has the option to revoke the agreement or temporarily suspend the agreement while they take a hard look at what is going on," added Ms. Silcoff, who is representing a group of refugee lawyers that has launched a judicial review of the agreement seeking to have it declared invalid.

She said the agreement was signed as a responsibility-sharing arrangement but this "has evaporated under Trump." The latest Trump administration policy, she said, reinforces that the U.S. is unsafe for refugee claimants.

In a social media post on Monday, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau said "People in the U.S. and all over the world are fed up with bogus asylum claims. Asylum isn't supposed to be a loophole to circumvent immigration law."

Toronto immigration lawyer Sergio Karas said the visas the Trump administration is seeking to cancel are mostly visitor visas used by people to gain entry to the U.S. to then seek asylum. They cannot be deported until their asylum cases are decided, he added.

Mr. Karas, a member of Lawyers for Secure Immigration, cautioned Ottawa not to signal that Canada would welcome asylum seekers from the U.S. He urged Canadian authorities to launch "an information campaign in the U.S., and especially in the ethnic media, warning that those who attempt to enter Canada illegally will be caught and turned over to the US authorities."

"It would be a colossal mistake to repeat the ill-advised tweet that Justin Trudeau published during the first Trump Administration, inviting the entire world to flee to Canada. Neither our processing resources nor our current economic situation can tolerate such folly," he said in an e-mail, referencing a 2017 social media post from the former prime minister that said Canada would welcome anyone fleeing terror, war or persecution.

Taous Ait, a spokesperson for Immigration Minister Lena Metlege Diab, said "having a U.S. visa revoked or losing status in the United States does not impact whether a person's asylum claim will be considered in Canada."

"People seeking Canada's protection must demonstrate they meet the criteria of a Convention Refugee or are in need of Canada's protection from persecution, death, torture or inhumane treatment as outlined in Canada's Immigration and Refugee Protection Act," she said in an e-mail, adding that the immigration department and the Canada Border Services Agency "continue to work closely together to monitor migration trends and to assess potential impacts on Canada's immigration programs."

With a report from the Associated Press

ROSALYN BIRD THE THIRD B.C. CONSERVATIVE TO EXIT PARTY THIS MONTH

VANCOUVER On Tuesday morning, B.C. Conservative Leader Kerry-Lynne Findlay acknowledged that more legislators could be poised to leave her caucus.

Less than three hours later, she was proved right, as Rosalyn Bird, a former caucus whip, became the third Conservative legislator this month to make their exit.

Ms. Bird said in a statement published by the CBC and others that she would continue to represent Prince George – Valemount as an Independent, and that she had a responsibility "to reject hatred and discrimination."

"This decision was not made lightly. Political parties play an important role in our democracy, but they are vehicles for our values; they cannot become substitutes for them," she said in the statement.

Ms. Bird, who won her seat in 2024 with 55 per cent of the vote, announced her departure after Ms. Findlay held her first news conference with shadow cabinet members.

The news conference came one day after the departure from the Conservatives of Ian Paton, who quit on Monday, and Peter Milobar who left earlier this month. Like Ms. Bird, both cited misalignment on values.

"There may even be others that leave our caucus. I don't know," Ms. Findlay told reporters in Vancouver.

"But if they're leaving, that means they do not have a vision for prosperity and hope that we're presenting for all British Columbians. It means somewhere along the way, they've decided that they know better than us where we should be going."

Ms. Bird said British Columbians are tired of "political infighting, name-calling and division," and that legislators should be able to disagree respectfully and work collaboratively if possible.

Ms. Findlay was elected leader of the Conservatives in May and her tenure so far has included significant changes both within the elected caucus of MLAs and the party executive.

Major party figures including former executive director Angelo Isidorou and ex-president Aisha Estey, who both helped build the party from obscurity to official Opposition, are out.

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Woman to woman: What I learned from Dolly

Through catchy tunes, the icon taught us about kindness and strength in the face of pain and adversity

MARSHA LEDERMAN

APPRECIATION

For far too much of my life, Dolly Parton was the butt of the joke. And the jokes were everywhere, lascivious insults-disguised-as-gags at her expense. Her large breasts and big blond hair must equal a tiny brain. She took it all in, she laughed it off – all the way to the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Grammy Awards, the bank, and into so many hearts, mine included.

When I had the chance to talk to her six years ago – a career highlight – I wanted to ask her about that. How it felt to be this smart, talented musician, this icon, with a voice of honey, a heart of gold and a work ethic that would put most of us to shame – and to be talked about with such disrespect. Dismissed so unfairly. I admit, I was afraid to ask the question. Would Dolly Parton be upset with me? Maybe even angry?

She was thoughtful and kind, as she was throughout the interview.

"Well, you know, I have to blame myself for a good bit of that. I've always made more jokes of myself than anybody else. I had the big boobs and I wasn't shy about showing my cleavage and wearing my tight clothes and all of that. So I wasn't going to get mad if somebody flirted or whatever. … Because I was trying to be pretty, I was trying to be sexy," she said, explaining that she patterned her look after the "town tramp" in her hometown – "a country girl's idea of glamour."

"But the more people talked about it," she continued, "the more I realized they were paying attention to me, and I realized if they paid attention long enough, they'd see that there was a whole lot more to me than met the eye."

We were speaking during dark times. It was the day after the U.S. presidential election in 2020, when we weren't sure who would emerge victorious – Donald Trump or Joe Biden. We were in the midst of continuing COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions.

She was writing songs about the pandemic, but we spent most of our time talking about her lengthy and prolific songwriting career that had led up to this era. She was promoting her new coffee-table book, *Dolly Parton, Songteller: My Life in Lyrics*, where she explained the origins and raison d'être of many of her songs. One story she recounted was figuring out that she might have written two of her most successful songs on the same day in 1973 – not just two of her own greatest hits, but two of the biggest songs of the 20th century: *Jolene* and *I Will Always Love You*.

"When we were going through all my old tapes to put my songs on hard drives, we found that *I Will Always Love You* and *Jolene* were on the same cassette tape, back to back," she recalled in the book. "I don't know; I might have written *Jolene* later that night. When you write so much, you lose track of time, and I wrote so much back then."

Country – and later mainstream – radio was a better place because of her music, and I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that the world, too, is better because of it. Through catchy tunes, Ms. Parton told great stories, and taught us about kindness and strength in the face of pain and adversity. During our conversation, I told her how helpful her music had been to me. She was on high rotation during the pandemic, as she had been in other hard times.

One of the songs I brought up during the interview, maybe a lesser-known track, but one that had meant a lot to me, was the 2007 country tune *Better Get to Livin'*.

"You better get to livin', givin' / Don't forget to throw in a little forgivin' / And love along the way," is the guidance Ms. Parton doles out in this ditty, which she frames as a response to all the people who have asked for her advice.

"The day we're born we start to die / So don't waste one minute of this life / Get to livin'," the song continues, the lyrics hitting hard now with the news of her death.

During our interview, I also told her that she was one of my earliest feminist role models – true! – even if I hadn't realized it at the time. I was just an adolescent girl when I watched her character be sexually harassed in a movie. But I learned from that film, *9 to 5*, and from her portrayal of Doralee, the movie's voluptuous, tortured secretary. I loved how the women in the film banded together to bring down the boss, and the patriarchy.

During our conversation, I asked her if she considered herself a feminist.

"Well, you know, I never like to have labels put on me, but I've always been one to uphold my own rights and women's rights," she said. She mentioned her mother, and I thought about mine, with whom I had seen *9 to 5* so long ago. "I just think women should be treated with the utmost love and respect. We keep the whole world going."

She brought up the saying that behind every successful man there's a strong woman.

"They don't get the credit for it, but it's true, so much of the time," she said. "I just think that women are so special and it just hurts me when people don't treat us with the respect that they should."

But she didn't consider herself, at least as she put it to me that day, a feminist activist.

"I never felt like I needed to march in the streets or carry signs or go to extremes. I just always felt like I lived it and tried to represent us in the best way possible – in my songs and in what I say, like even [saying] this to you. And just the way I live my life. I'm proud of who I am, and I'm proud of all the gifts and all the treasures that women possess."

Here's the other thing she modelled: kindness. Dolly Parton was so nice. She was so unbelievably kind on the phone, from the moment she got on the line, complimenting the way I told her assistant that I was ready for the interview (probably overly enthusiastically, trying to mask my nervousness) right to the end of the call, when she was rushed off for another interview. She was doing them back-to-back-to-back. And yet, you would never know it. She wasn't mailing it in; she was thoughtful and exuberant. Her spirit was palpable over the phone: her great, big, beautiful Dollyness.

As was her empathy. She understood what a big deal this was for me (as it would be for most interviewers) and she wanted to give me a gift before we said goodbye.

"Thank you so much for taking the time with me," *Dolly Parton* said to *me*. "You asked some good questions and I felt you like a warm, good person. So thank you. Good luck to you."

Superstar Dolly Parton performs in concert in Tokyo in 1979. TSUGUFUMI MATSUMOTO/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Above: Ms. Parton, left, and Miley Cyrus share the stage at the 2019 Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. KEVIN WINTER/ GETTY IMAGES FOR THE RECORDING ACADEMY

Right: Ms. Parton attends the opening of the exhibit Dolly Parton: Journey of a Seeker at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville last year. JASON KEMPIN/ GETTY IMAGES

Parton: Artist blazed a trail for women in country

FROM A1

She was, quintessentially, a uniter of people. In 2019, The New York Times ran a story with the headline "Is There Anything We Can All Agree On? Yes: Dolly Parton."

Ms. Parton cannily exploited – and transcended – rural stereotypes and kitsch to fashion a down-home chic entirely her own. ("A country girl's idea of glam," she called it in the song *Backwoods Barbie*.) In the process, she became an international celebrity who headlined stadium tours, starred in Hollywood movies, built a business empire and appeared on the cover of Rolling Stone. Her at-times girlish soprano notwithstanding, she was anything but the "dumb blonde" invoked in the title of her 1966 single.

"I've created this and played it up – the makeup, the whole persona," Ms. Parton said, alluding to her plastic surgeries as well as her colloquial "Dollyisms" in a 2002 interview with the Times.

"But this isn't all I am," she added. "It's not even most of what I am. Hopefully people can see beneath the hair to know there's a brain, beneath the boobs to know there's a heart and behind all the other stuff to know there's some talent."

Inducted into both the country music and rock 'n' roll halls of fame, Ms. Parton was the top-ranking female singer on country radio from 1967 to 1993, and had a total of 25 No. 1 country singles.

Her early breakthrough came in 1967 when she was hired as the "girl singer" on *The Porter Wagoner Show*, a syndicated country music television variety program. Several years later, she had No. 1 country hits with records including *Jolene* and *I Will Always Love You*.

Both songs were among about 3,000 titles she published in her lifetime, hundreds of which have been recorded by other artists, including Tina Turner, Norah Jones, the White Stripes, Merle Haggard, RuPaul and Whitney Houston.

Featured in the 1992 movie *The Bodyguard*, Ms. Houston's version of *I Will Always Love You* spent 14 weeks at the top of

Ms. Parton flashes a smile in London in 1977 after performing at the King's Theatre in Glasgow for a television special in front of Queen Elizabeth II. KEYSTONE/GETTY IMAGES

Ms. Parton performs with American musician Kenny Rogers in East Rutherford, N.J., in 1988. GARY GERSHOFF/GETTY IMAGES

Ms. Parton and Burt Reynolds attend the Austin premiere of their film The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas in 1982. TED POWERS/AP

Above: Ms. Parton plays in Britain in 1976. That same year, she became the first woman in country music to host her own syndicated TV series. DAVID REDFERN/GETTY IMAGES

Left: Ms. Parton performs the halftime show at an NFL game between the Washington Commanders and Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Tex., in 2023. RON JENKINS/GETTY IMAGES

the pop chart. The song had previously been a No. 1 country single twice, in versions released by Ms. Parton in 1974 and 1982.

With Loretta Lynn and Tammy Wynette, Ms. Parton blazed a trail for women in country music, inspiring such contemporaries as Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris, as well as latter-day hitmakers including Carrie Underwood, Kacey Musgraves and Taylor Swift. She recorded a pair of albums, *Trio* and *Trio II*, with Ms. Ronstadt and Ms. Harris.

Stylistically, Ms. Parton's music ran the gamut: mountain bluegrass and soul-inflected countrypolitan, disco-era pop and covers of classic-rock touchstones written by Neil Young and Led Zeppelin – all of it rendered indelible by her irrepressible spirit and alternately keening and gossamer soprano drawl.

She wrote unabashedly, in simple Southern vernacular, about growing up as the daughter of an illiterate sharecropper.

In *Coat of Many Colors*, maybe her most beloved original, Ms. Parton plumbed childhood feelings of pride and humiliation.

In this case, the coat in question – quilted from rags and originally a source of delight and the expression of a mother's love – becomes an object of ridicule when Dolly's classmates poke fun at her for wearing it to school.

So with patches on my britches
And holes in both my shoes,
In my coat of many colours
I hurried off to school
Just to find the others laughing
And making fun of me
In my coat of many colours
My mama made for me

"That little song is like a world of things," Ms. Parton said in *Dolly Parton, Songteller: My Life in Lyrics* (2020), written with Robert K. Oermann. "It teaches about bullying, about love, about acceptance, about good parents. That little story has even been written into a schoolbook to teach children about being different."

Empathy was a hallmark of Ms. Parton's songwriting, perhaps nowhere so much as in *Down From Dover* and *Daddy Come Get Me*, harrowing Southern Gothic ballads about teen pregnancy and how patriarchy blames and victimizes young women.

Assertive women populated Ms. Parton's songs, whether through her protofeminist rewrite of Jimmie Rodgers's *Mule Skinner Blues (Blue Yodel No. 8)* or by advocating parity in the bedroom (*Touch Your Woman*) and in the workplace (*9 to 5*).

"It's a rich man's game / No matter what they call it / And you spend your life / Putting money in his wallet," Ms. Parton sang, with a mixture of fury and resolve, in the 1980 pink-collar comedy *9 to 5*. Besides writing and performing the movie's theme song, a No. 1 pop and country hit, she also starred in the film as a beleaguered secretary drudging for a sexist boss, alongside Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin.

Ms. Parton would go on to star in other films, among them *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* (1982), with Burt Reynolds; *Steel Magnolias* (1989), with Julia Roberts and Shirley MacLaine; and *Straight Talk* (1992), with James Woods.

In 1976, she became the first woman in country music to host her own syndicated TV series; a decade later, she had an hour-long variety show on ABC. But for all her reach and command as an entertainer – including her ubiquitous appearances on TV talk shows and specials – Ms. Parton viewed herself, first and foremost, as a songwriter.

Dolly Rebecca Parton was born Jan. 19, 1946, the fourth of 12 children of Robert Lee and Avie Lee (Owens) Parton, in a one-room cabin on the banks of the Little Pigeon River in Sevier County, Tenn. Her father was a tenant farmer, and her mother was a homemaker who sang old Anglo-Celtic ballads and hymns while doing housework.

The Partons were so poor that Dolly's father had to pay the doctor who attended her birth with a sack of cornmeal. Ms. Parton may have grown up without plumbing, heat, electricity and other modern conveniences, but she always insisted that she also grew up happy, and that music offered her a refuge from want.

When she was 5 or so, she wrote her first song, a ditty about a corncob doll with corn-silk hair called *Little Tiny Tassel-top*. She started singing on radio and on TV at 10, on the *Cas Walker Farm and Home Hour* in Knoxville, Tenn., securing bookings with the help of her uncle Bill Owens, who also bought her her first guitar. The two would go on to write many songs together.

Ms. Parton made her recording debut in 1959, the same year she made her first appearance at the Grand Ole Opry. In 1962, she signed a songwriting deal with Tree International Publishing (now part of Sony Music Publishing).

Two years later, she became the first person in her family to graduate from high school.

In 1966, Ms. Parton married Carl Dean, an asphalt contractor who shunned the limelight. The couple had met two years earlier, at a laundromat in Nashville, when Ms. Parton was 18. Mr. Dean died in 2025.

Ms. Parton leaves six of her siblings: Willadeene Parton, Robert Lee Parton Jr., Stella Parton, Cassie Parton, Freida Parton and Rachel Ann Parton George.

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The subject who is truly loyal to the chief magistrate will neither advise nor submit to arbitrary measures - Junius

Ford must get grip on soaring transit costs

Sailors sometimes joke ruefully that a boat is a hole in the water you throw money into. In Ontario, transit construction is increasingly a hole in the ground the provincial government throws money into. You can forgive residents for not seeing the humour.

How much money are we talking about here? A huge amount. A subway project being built by the province in Toronto – the 15.6-kilometre Ontario Line – is currently expected to cost at least $34-billion, with a substantial amount of work yet to be budgeted for.

Building urban transit lines is never cheap, but this is a shocking amount of money. It is roughly triple the cost floated when the line was proposed, though that figure was never going to be true.

There are two problems here. One, the project was sold with a price-tag that didn't include everything needed to complete the project. And then, separately from that, the costs went up. Way up.

This is a damning indictment and a warning flag as Canada gears up for generational infrastructure investments even as it faces a punishing trade war with the United States. Will the proposed Alto high-speed rail line cost the projected $60-billion to $90-billion, or something more? Will the proposed pipeline from Alberta to the British Columbia coast cost the projected $35-billion to $43-billion, or something more?

If Canada can learn to build faster and more cheaply, the country will get more of what it wants. Conversely, if costs get out of control there are really only two options: borrow more, loading a greater burden on the next generation, or scale back the projects.

In Ontario, the government has opted to push ahead with its subway project. That's good, as far as it goes. The Ontario Line will eventually open. It will carry riders for decades, maybe a century or more, and become a crucial transportation backbone of the city. But the merits of the project do not excuse the way it has unfolded.

When Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced the project – in 2019 – he said it would cost $10.9-billion.

The price would be kept down, the government argued, by using a lighter and smaller type of train and by minimizing tunnelling. Large sections of the line would run on the surface or on elevated track. However, that price has since ballooned. Some of the reasons are known, others are not.

One part of the increase is because the original bill didn't include land acquisition, the cost of the trains themselves and the long-term bill to run the line. The original price-tag was, at best, a half-truth.

Setting that aside, those additional costs are a small part of the current total. A contract awarded in 2022 specified less than $7-billion to buy the trains and run them (they will be driverless) and to maintain the system for 30 years.

How did the remaining cost rise to $27-billion? Earlier this month, the head of the provincial transit agency Metrolinx, the project owner, cited supply chain shocks and trade uncertainty. Those are real, for sure, but seem unlikely to be the whole answer.

The construction cost per kilometre, so far, works out to about $1.7-billion. Recent subway projects in Seoul and Helsinki cost less than one-tenth that much. And the Ontario Line bill will rise more once the contract is awarded for an elevated stretch of the line.

What is going on here? Transit experts say that costs are soaring particularly in English-speaking countries, in part because these tend to benchmark against each other. Metrolinx is also thick with senior executives and fond of consultants.

But the scale of spending suggests bigger issues. An Auditor-General's investigation or a public inquiry could help shed crucial light, in the same way an inquiry into the Ottawa LRT project laid bare problems there.

However, what is needed even more is political will. When Mr. Ford was a city councillor he understood the PR value of being seen to keep a tight grip on spending. His tactics then were often performative. Here he needs to get real. The stakes are much higher when it comes to big infrastructure projects.

It's worth remembering that the last subway expansion built by Toronto's own transit agency opened in 2017 and cost about $480-million per kilometre, in today's dollars.

At that rate, the province could build more than three projects the size of the Ontario Line for its current budget. And that's no joke.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEW ERA

Re "How did we do?" (Letters, Aug. 25): A letter-writer worries Canada is fighting back with a slingshot. Remind me, what was the outcome of the most famous slingshot story?

D.W. Tutty Pictou County, N.S.

Re "Canada won't return to negotiating table until U.S. changes its attitude, Carney says" (Aug. 25): If we were looking for someone to cast as the villain in Canada's trade drama, it would be difficult to find someone more abrasive and duplicitous as Howard Lutnick.

However, I suppose we owe him a debt of gratitude for intervening to amend the proposed trade agreement from one that was merely distasteful to being completely unpalatable, thus sparing us the inevitable indigestion that would have followed.

John Coo Ottawa

From the beginning of trade negotiations, Donald Trump and his intermediaries at the table have believed talks have been about tariffs matched dollar for dollar. But each side is not talking about the same thing at all.

Mark Carney is using the U.S. approach to move forward with something larger and far more constructive for Canada. Plan A for Mr. Trump is tariffs, while Plan A for Mr. Carney, as he's repeatedly said, is building at home and diversifying trade abroad.

The more Mr. Trump hits back at Canada, the more time, unconditional public support and political wriggle room he creates for Mr. Carney to move forward with investment at home and new trade deals with international businesses. A classic negotiating diversion.

Or, as Mr. Carney said, "Canadians don't submit to the weather … we make our own weather."

Edward Carson Toronto

The Trump administration seems to fundamentally misunderstand the economic relationship between the United States and Canada. While the U.S. economy is much larger, size does not automatically translate into greater leverage.

Last year, Canada supplied 63.4 per cent of U.S. crude-oil imports, almost all U.S. natural-gas imports and 81.3 per cent of U.S. electricity imports.

At the same time, Canada is America's largest export market, often bigger than multiple global economies combined.

This is hardly a one-sided relationship.

Tariffs may hurt Canada, but they also raise costs for American consumers and businesses. The assumption that "I impose tariffs, Canada caves" ignores the reality of mutual dependence.

Economic size is not the same as bargaining power.

Shafik Bhalloo West Vancouver

Many commentators seem to not realize that the free trade we had is gone for good, and not just because of Donald Trump.

The declining global economic power of the United States is forcing it to retreat into a fortress mentality. So it is building economic walls, and political walls, to create a North America that is both citadel and predatory domain.

Like any declining empire, it is coming to view smaller neighbours as helpless fodder to feed continued survival beyond its own means. That includes Canada, Mexico and also apparently Greenland.

We were long ago sucked into the orbit of what is now a growing black hole. We can stay clear for some time, but we can never go back to a sovereign orbit of our own.

Not unless the U.S. collapses first, and that is not likely to be pretty either.

Frank Olenski Brantford, Ont.

An escalating trade war with the United States may require a shift from "elbows up" to "man the barricades."

Marlene Leonard Brockville, Ont.

WHERE IT HURTS

Re "Drinks on us" (Letters, Aug. 25): Rather than exempting so-called blue states from a trade boycott, perhaps on account of their exquisite chardonnay, they should be equally exposed to the consequences of the U.S. leader's actions.

It's exactly those states where a revolt might originate.

C. William Lambermont Toronto

FASTER

Re "Doug Ford calls for purchase of 60 water bombers as part of national wildfire strategy" (Aug. 18): The best market for De Havilland water bombers is the European Union, where member countries are trying to get 22 new planes, but delivery will only begin after 2028. Given the huge fire crisis in places such as France and Spain, they need help fast for the new planes and spare parts for existing ones.

After considerable public criticism, EU companies are exploring new water bomber programs and France recently used a converted Airbus A400M as a firefighting plane.

Let us get a major Canadian order, which hopefully would allow an expansion of the Calgary operation with an interprovincial supply chain.

This would serve the needs of all and keep our good EU customers buying our planes on a competitive timeline. This is a high-tech industry we cannot afford to lose.

Fires are creating business worldwide for these planes.

Bob Page Calgary

LONG ENOUGH

Re "As Congo's Ebola outbreak worsens, Ottawa faces criticism for stepping back" (Aug. 21): Not only are Canada's quarantine rules punishing, the visa restrictions are, too.

As a Canadian citizen, I can travel home from neighbouring Uganda and quarantine for 21 days. Yet my Ugandan husband cannot even enter Canada while his visa approval gets delayed.

Protecting Canadians should be a priority. But restrictions should be proportionate to the actual risk. If quarantine is considered an appropriate (though arguably counterproductive) safeguard for Canadians returning from Uganda, why should Ugandans be categorically denied entry?

I find this policy disproportionate and discriminatory, plain and simple. As Uganda's Ebola outbreak has been declared over, Canada should stop punishing the country and separating families like mine.

Let the travel ban expire.

Carolyn Nicol Ottawa

GONE MISSING

Re "Canadians are fighting for their sovereignty. Americans don't even realize they're in a war" (Aug. 25): As a student living in Toronto in the late 1980s, I walked with an anti-free-trade parade that wound its way through Kensington Market. This was a motley crew of idealists, socialists, artists and young families.

I bought a T-shirt that read "Free Canada not Trade." When I returned to my pro-business family home one weekend to do laundry, my protest T-shirt mysteriously disappeared. The household was staunchly for free trade.

My family is still pro-business. I have my own business now. But I wonder if my T-shirt would disappear today.

Anti-free-trade and pro-Canadian business sentiment looks a lot different in 2026. A free Canada wins over free trade any day.

Mary Peirson-Cabena
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OPINION

The whole world is watching

In defying Trump, Canada is setting an example for other countries

ANDREW COYNE
OPINION

I'm not sure anyone has quite wrapped their mind around the significance of what just happened. Or at least, not in Canada we haven't.

But the rest of the world has taken note. A sampling of the headlines:

Canada walked away from Trump: Could the EU ever do the same?

Europeans should learn from Canadian courage.

Canada Digs In as More Countries Stand Up to Trump.

The Moose That Roared.

And it's true. Canada was already the only country other than China to have responded to Donald Trump's tariffs with retaliatory tariffs of its own. It is now the only country to have outright defied the President, refusing to yield to American demands or agree to U.S. tariffs.

Contrast this with how other countries have responded to American threats. Japan, which relies on the U.S. for 3 per cent of its GDP, nevertheless agreed to a 15-per-cent baseline U.S. tariff – down from the 25-per-cent tariff it was facing otherwise – while committing to invest US$550-billion in the U.S., increase purchases of U.S. energy and agricultural products, and provide greater access for American cars.

The European Union, with an exposure to the U.S. similar to Japan's and an economy two-thirds the size of the U.S.'s, likewise buckled, making a long list of concessions – no tariffs on U.S. industrial goods, wider access for U.S. agricultural products, and increased purchases of U.S. energy, AI chips and defence equipment, in addition to US$600-billion in investment – "in return for" agreeing to U.S. tariffs of 15 per cent.

Similarly craven postures were adopted by South Korea (U.S. exports: 7 per cent of GDP) and Britain (2 per cent of GDP), for similarly meagre rewards.

Even China cut a deal, albeit on more favourable terms.

And yet it is Canada, of all places, that walked away, rather than pay Donegeld: Canada, with an economy one-12th the size of America's, and dependent on U.S. trade for fully 20 per cent of it. Little wonder it has caught the world's attention. It is a remarkably nervy bit of bluff-calling.

Of course, you could argue we had no choice. If our exposure to the U.S. is greater, so are the stakes. The Trump administration's trade policy toward other countries is primarily mercantilistic: It seeks some combination of more tariff revenue and less import competition. Toward Canada it is openly imperialistic. It wants to use tariffs and other economic measures to force us, in Mr. Trump's words, to "fall into line," if not to surrender our sovereignty altogether.

When your back is against the wall, it tends to stiffen the spine. Perhaps Mr. Trump expected Canada to fold like the others, but the extravagance of the U.S. demands made that impossible. It is difficult to see how any government, of whatever party, could have accepted the terms presented to us, not least because there was no guarantee we would receive anything in return: as it has since been reported, the U.S. reserved the right to raise tariffs in future to whatever level they please, notwithstanding anything in the deal.

So we are headed for heavy weather. It is highly unlikely that Canada will give in, no matter what punishment is meted out to us. And yet it is hard to see how the Trump administration could yield, either, precisely because of the admiring notice we have been getting elsewhere. It is true what they say: In defying Mr. Trump, we are setting an example for the rest of the world. Therefore it is likely he will try to make an example out of us.

This is about much more than trade, in other words, more even than our existence as a sovereign state. Fate has assigned us the role, as it has other nations from time to time, of a kind of Horatius at the Gate, the one who "keeps the bridge" when all the rest have fled.

Our fight, it is no exaggeration to say, is the civilized world's fight. It is a fight for reason and comity in the affairs of nations, against an administration whose worldview, and behaviour, is increasingly that of an aggressive dictatorship, in all its crudeness and its thuggery.

Mr. Trump, as the Prime Minister has said, aims to "break us," a phrase with historic echoes. He has to now, or others will follow our lead. If he succeeds, then the world will be governed by nothing but force in the end, in trade as in other matters. But if we prevail, then "broad and sunlit uplands" must surely await.

As insults fly between Ford and Trump, consequences loom

MARSHA LEDERMAN
OPINION

Of all the things Canada has imported from the U.S., there's one we could really do without, that truly deserves to be hit with punishing tariffs: the below-the-belt, schoolyard-level political discourse. One of Donald Trump's most impactful contributions to this era of history is his way with words – his potty-mouthed bullying that would earn a four-year-old a timeout.

You know things have hit rock bottom when you need to keep the kids away from the TVs playing CBC News Network 24/7, lest they hear grown men utter infantile insults – and watch the adults in their life cheer for one of them, the Premier of Ontario, even though the grown-ups know it's wrong. It sets a bad example, and is potentially incendiary.

It is never good to poke the unpredictable, unhinged half-asleep bear on the other side of the border, the man-child with all that power who is now threatening to change the name of Lake Ontario to Lake America – his latest mean-girl whim, as if he has the right to do so. But after saying he didn't want to escalate things further, Doug Ford had a lot to say about Mr. Trump during a Monday news conference in Hamilton that will go down in history.

The supercut goes something like this: "I have a lot of real estate on my ass. So he has a lot of room to kiss my ass. … Your own people, President Trump, don't even like you. … You think an insult from him hurts me? Well, bring it on, buddy. I'm ready. Bring it on. You know something? I've dealt with guys like you my whole life. And guess what? You all become losers. Because you're a loser."

Ontario Premier Doug Ford speaks to media at a housing development project in Hamilton on Monday.
NICK IWANYSHYN/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mr. Ford kept saying he was not going to take the bait – and then kept taking the bait.

"I don't respond to a dictator like President Trump, a bully like President Trump. As I said before, he's the type of guy in school that would take your lunch money one day, take your tuque off your head the next day and then steal your running shoes. But I'm not gonna take any advice off a guy that's the king of bankruptcies."

The construction workers gathered for the photo-op behind him seemed to enjoy the show.

Canadians, watching at home, gasped and guffawed. And south of the border, the President freaked out.

But Mr. Trump started it! Did too!

I have no doubt that Mr. Ford always had it in him, going back to his youth in Etobicoke, Ont. But it was Mr. Trump who broke the seal, making this once-unthinkable type of language a daily occurrence in geopolitics. And Mr. Ford is running with it.

It sure felt deliberate, calculated. It was unlike a different familial viral television moment when Rob Ford – whom Mr. Trump said he considers the more charismatic, intelligent and overall more impressive of the Ford brothers – told reporters at Toronto City Hall in 2013 that no, he was not unfaithful because he had "more than enough to eat at home." It would seem the then-mayor was clumsily trying to emulate Paul Newman's famous quip about his wife Joanne Woodward (Why go out for hamburger when you have steak at home?), but it didn't exactly come out that way.

But the Premier? He knew what he was doing as he took those swipes on Monday.

You may not want to dwell on thoughts about Mr. Ford's backside or his late brother's domestic life. Here's a different image: Mr. Ford is serving as the brawling foil to Mark Carney, our eloquent, stately, rational and whip-smart Prime Minister. The grown-up on the continent. No cheap shots, no insults, no threats. Just level-headed leadership and a few choice four-syllable words.

Mr. Ford is the enforcer to Mr. Carney's team captain, the slick centre with the flowing hair shooting pucks at the net. He is Tiger Williams to Darryl Sittler, to employ an ancient Canadian hockey reference.

Unfortunately, this isn't a game. Or reality TV.

This cold war is getting heated – and Mr. Ford's insults, as well-deserved and momentarily delightful as they may be, only add fuel to the cross-border fire. He certainly displayed a more conciliatory tone while being interviewed on CNN Tuesday morning. Perhaps someone got to him.

Folks, I'm not saying I didn't cheer a little bit for Mr. Ford, and gleefully spit out my (locally roasted) coffee at some of his quips. But is this helpful? What are the potential consequences? Then again, when dealing with such a volatile architect of chaos, it's hard to know what to do. But bow down and break? No. We won't do that.

Friends with JD Vance, Jamil Jivani isn't on Canada's side

GARY MASON
OPINION

In the days leading up to the collapse of trade talks with the United States, audio of recent remarks U.S. Vice-President JD Vance made at a Republican fundraiser in New York were leaked to The Canadian Press news agency.

In his comments, Mr. Vance derided Prime Minister Mark Carney for attempting to "out-tough Donald Trump" in the negotiations. He said there was "this guy Pierre Poilievre" who was the leader of the federal Conservative but a "non-entity" in the trade discussions.

He did have praise for one person, however: Conservative MP Jamil Jivani.

"But the quiet sort of behind-the-scenes story is that this, like random MP who has a good relationship with us has been a pretty effective advocate," Mr. Vance said.

Now who would leak such a thing?

Mr. Jivani, of course, would be the same "random MP" who was a friend of the Vice-President's at Yale Law School. The same "random MP" who is in a fantasy football pool with Mr. Vance and with whom he appears to be in regular contact.

Indeed, the same "random MP" who in February went solo to Washington to speak with White House and state department officials about the trade talks, and who gave an interview with the right-wing American news outlet Breitbart in which he disparaged Canadians for throwing "an anti-American hissy fit" in response to U.S. tariffs that were inflicting pain on many workers in this country.

The same "random MP" who said Mr. Carney's threat of dollar-for-dollar tariffs on the U.S. in response to the additional 50-percent tariffs the Americans just imposed on a raft of Canadian products was "an overreaction."

In another world, say, one in which Stephen Harper was leader of the Conservatives and not the wounded duck that is Mr. Poilievre, Mr. Jivani would have long ago been handed his hat and told to take a hike. Not only is he an embarrassment to his party, he is increasingly a menace to the country.

He has become an unapologetic shill for a corrupt and vulgar U.S. administration intent on owning this country – a walking billboard for the benign, unseemly acquiescence it demands from Canada and the rest of the world.

Mr. Jivani suggests the dollar-for-dollar trade threat of Mr. Carney's is an overreaction. Does he not recall his party's own platform in last year's election? The Conservatives ran on imposing dollar-for-dollar retaliatory tariffs "maximizing impact" on American companies.

Any political party that feels it needs to put up with the sort of rogue actions of which Mr. Jivani is engaging is a party that is lost. And the Conservatives are horribly lost at the moment. Mr. Poilievre's leadership has become a joke. It's now being routinely called out by influential conservatives in any number of ways.

Dimitri Soudas, director of communications under Stephen Harper and a key strategist and confidant of the former PM, went on X to outline the many reasons that the Conservatives' call for the government to release the entire text of the U.S. trade deal it rejected is misguided and contrary to the country's best interests.

In a detailed public takedown of the Conservatives' position, he said in summary: "You can demand accountability for why negotiations failed. But you don't hand the other side your playbook for the next round. It's called negotiating against yourself."

Why do many Conservatives insist on behaving like the failure of trade talks is all Canada's fault? Former federal Conservative cabinet minister under Mr. Harper, Jason Kenney, may have sourced out the answer. It's contained in a fresh Angus Reid Institute poll which showed that 43 per cent of those polled who voted Conservative in the last election believe Mr. Carney "showed poor judgment by allowing negotiations to fail."

That is in contrast to the 69 per cent of the broader public who believe Mr. Carney displayed strength in refusing to accept terms that were not in Canada's best interests.

In other words, Mr. Kenney said on X, one half of Conservative voters "are radically out of step with super majorities of the broader public in every region" of the country.

Which brings me back to Mr. Jivani.

He may think that what he's saying is smart and calculated to appeal to that pro-MAGA wing of his party that he will need if he hopes to ascend to its leadership one day, which is clearly his ambition.

But even if he does one day supplant Mr. Poilievre, he will never lead his party to victory. Canadians will never forget which side he was on when the country faced its greatest crisis in decades.

And it wasn't Canada's.

LIFE & ARTS

Argentina's first female winemaker started her eponymous Susana Balbo Wines in Mendoza province in 1999. Proximity to the Andes brings ideal growing conditions to the vineyards.

Expanding my wine horizons

It took the viticultural magic of Mendoza to get this chardonnay lover to switch over. A Relais & Châteaux hotel didn't hurt, either

EGLE PROCUTA

Susana Balbo Winemaker's House and Spa Suites offers bucolic and intimate lodging. The in-house restaurant, La VidA, was recently awarded a Michelin star. RELAIS & CHÂTEAUX

It was close to midnight when the plane started its descent into inky blackness. I had left my Toronto home 18 hours ago and was way past tired. But as we inched closer to landing and I was able to make out some features on the ground, my fatigue gave way to the adrenalin of reaching a completely unfamiliar destination.

The lights of the road looked like a necklace laid out against black velvet. This was the legendary Ruta 40, the 5,000-kilometre-long highway in western Argentina that hugs the Andes Mountains down the length of the country.

I was arriving in the city of Mendoza, in the province of the same name, where Route 40 intersects with Argentina's Wine Route. The Ruta del Vino snakes through the country's wine-growing regions, whose attractions are flourishing these days. The rocky road of the Argentine peso has been a boon for foreigners, opening doors to high-end dining rooms and accommodations on vineyards, which they might be priced out of in France, Italy or California.

Argentina is the fifth-largest wine producer in the world, and more than 80 per cent of this comes from Mendoza province. I was in the right place for my oenophile adventures.

The grape most associated with Mendoza – and indeed with the whole country – is malbec. But the wine I was going to discover was a white. Torrontés is a grape unique to Argentina and once held in such poor esteem it was only deemed usable for lowly table wine. Now this white varietal is being hailed by some as one of the most promising avenues of growth for the wine industry here.

After a restorative sleep, the next day's first stop was Susana Balbo Wines. The flagship vineyard of Argentina's first female winemaker, who is also known as the Queen of Torrontés, was a short drive away from Chacras de Coria, the town just outside Mendoza city where I was staying at Balbo's four-year-old boutique hotel.

Emerging from my garden suite that morning was like walking into a Kodachrome photograph, rich with sun-soaked colours – the vast cerulean firmament was the very definition of sky blue.

I had to remind myself I was not in the Rhône Valley, so redolent of southern France was the sentry of shade trees lining the streets. But when the car hit the open road of Route 40, boom: There were the snowy peaks of the Andes, owning the horizon. Aconcagua, the highest mountain in the Americas, is only 120 kilometres away.

This is what makes the viticultural magic I was about to discover: loads of sunshine, cool nights, glacial runoff to water the vines.

I was here in April – fall in the Southern Hemisphere. The height of the grape harvest was over, and the mood at Susana Balbo Wines was as relaxed as a college campus after exams. The buildings here are not showy with modern architecture, like some vineyards can be. Everything feels designed to give pride of place to the Andes.

The young sommelier leading the tour began with a bit of Balbo's life story. The winemaker's first passion was nuclear physics. But the only place offering that training in the 1980s was in Patagonia and, in the uncertain political climate of the day, Balbo's parents did not want their youngest daughter to move so far away.

So Balbo studied oenology in Mendoza. She was the first woman to graduate from the program, but in her home province, employers were just interested in hiring her as a lab assistant. The only place she could find work as a winemaker was in Salta, a 16-hour drive away in the northern reaches of the country.

Salta offered perfect conditions for the torrontés grape, which was largely unloved. But Balbo saw promise where no one else did. With her knowledge of chemistry, she had a brainwave to treat the grape with an enzyme to break down pectins that made it thick and hard to press.

She returned to Mendoza, and, in 1999, acquired the vineyard where I was now standing, and started to build her brand. The tour took us past walls of family photos and industry awards, and ended with a tasting in the wine cellar. The offerings from Susana Balbo Wines ranged from subtle rosé to complex Bordeaux-style red, but what I was most excited about was the torrontés.

As a chardonnay lady, I was sorely in need of a bigger repertoire of whites in my vocabulary. The fragrant and fruity torrontés did not disappoint. Some people say it's an acquired taste, but I, for one, was delighted to acquire it.

The perfect place to try out my newly expanded palate was over a four-course lunch, with wine pairings, at the vineyard's restaurant, Osadía de Crear. It was started by Balbo's daughter, Ana Lovaglio. Working in marketing for the family business, she recognized that all the elements were in place for a natural progression into hospitality.

The next big step came at a time when many places around the world were shutting their doors. In early 2020, with both mother and daughter grounded because of the pandemic, they began planning a boutique hotel on a property they owned in Chacras. It took two years to open Susana Balbo Winemaker's House and Spa Suites.

The Relais & Châteaux luxury hotel welcomes a maximum of 14 guests – each of the seven suites is a stand-alone, glass-walled bungalow, arranged discreetly behind hedges and greenery around an elegant outdoor pool and patio. The hotel has a lively collection of local artwork and furnishings. There is a steam room in every suite and some have dry saunas, too. But the pièce de résistance in my bungalow, without a doubt, is a deep, egg-shaped stand-alone tub.

The in-house restaurant, La VidA, which was recently awarded a Michelin star, offers a seven-course fine-dining menu. It can be paired with older vintages no longer available on the market.

I did want to explore the town of Chacras. So, after lunch on my second day, I strolled over toward the main square. Again, I had to shake my head and remind myself I was not in France. It felt like déjà vu of Aix-en-Provence or Avignon – until I started chatting to storekeepers and restaurant servers, who were definitely more relaxed than their stereotypical French counterparts.

I loved the brightly painted façades of many businesses – crimson, tangerine and seafoam green – and the playful wall art on shop fronts, like the Dandi grocery's wine-swilling, tuxedoed rabbit. I hung out on the patio of La Gloria Cantina for coffee and some dulce de leche flan.

Knowing that I would kick myself for skipping the city, on the third day of my visit, I hopped a Cabify – the South American equivalent of Uber – for the 30-minute drive into Mendoza.

I spent a couple of hours walking its leafy boulevards, heading up from the main square to Parque General San Martín, an expansive urban green space. But I found the sounds of a lively city clashed with my slow-travel mindset.

For my last night in paradise, I wanted to hang out on my suite's private terrace, watching lime-green monk parakeets fussing in the palm trees. The next morning, I was leaving Argentina to continue my oenophile journey in neighbouring Chile.

But rather than hopping on a 50-minute flight to Santiago, I was taking the scenic route: an eight-hour bus trip across the Andes, which had so beguiled me since I landed here.

Travelling along another legendary South American highway, I was going to get up close and personal with the mighty Aconcagua itself, and I could already feel the adrenalin tingle that had started me off on this adventure.

IF YOU GO

Rooms start at US$900 a night, and include breakfast, as well as a post-travel mini-massage, welcome drinks and snacks. Longer stays offer more inclusions. All guests can take part in the hotel's complimentary bath service and yerba maté information sessions.

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Shaw unveils 2027 season, featuring two musicals and a Goblin extravaganza

AISLING MURPHY

The Shaw Festival has unveiled its 2027 season, which for the first time in the company's history will include two mainstage musicals, as well as a new Goblin creation by Spontaneous Theatre.

South Pacific and *The Color Purple* will share the Festival Theatre stage for most of the season. *South Pacific*, directed by Nina Lee Aquino, will begin previews in April; *The Color Purple*, directed by Shaw associate artistic director Kimberley Rampersad, will do so in June.

"We've long wondered about doing two musicals – we know there's a big audience for them," said Tim Carroll, artistic director of the Niagara-on-the-Lake-based company. "The vast majority of our audience have to travel to get to us. This is a good thing for those people who are just obsessed with musicals – it makes the journey that much more worthwhile for them, so they can really binge on what they love."

Also in the Festival Theatre will be *Arsenic and Old Lace*, helmed by former Shaw artistic director Jackie Maxwell, and Tom Stoppard's *Jumpers*, directed by Carroll.

"Jackie is an absolute master using the Festival stage," said Carroll. "She's likely directed there more than anyone else, and is just so at home in that style. It has been too long since she was here."

As renovations advance on the Royal George Theatre – the project is on-schedule so far, said Carroll – the company will continue to use the Court House Theatre for smaller-scale plays. Next year's Court House programming will include comedy-thriller *Deathtrap*, written by Ira Levin and directed by Tara Rosling, and *Arms and the Man*, the season's only play by festival namesake Bernard Shaw, directed by Alistair Newton.

Rounding out the Court House programming is *Grimm Tales*, adapted from a selection of Brothers Grimm fairy tales by British poet Carol Ann Duffy and directed by Jay Turvey.

The festival's smallest venue, the Jackie Maxwell Studio Theatre, will feature a more eclectic mix of plays. *What Every Woman Knows*, a comedy written by *Peter Pan* creator J.M. Barrie, will be directed by Rampersad. *Intimate Apparel*, Lynn Nottage's 2003 drama, will be directed by Philip Akin.

Also in the Studio Theatre will be *Goblin:Pygmalion*, a new work by Spontaneous Theatre, who last performed at the Shaw Festival in 2025's *Murder-on-the-Lake*.

Goblin:Pygmalion marks the latest in a string of silly adaptations by Bruce Horak, Ellis Lalonde and Rebecca Northan, whose Goblin creations have played across Canada. This winter, Spontaneous Theatre will also premiere another Goblin piece: *Goblin:Christmas Carol*, set to begin previews at Toronto's CAA Theatre in December.

The Shaw Festival's 2027 holiday programming will be announced at a later date.

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Don't pity those choosing to dine alone

FIRST PERSON

Stop stigmatizing the solo diner. We are not sad, lonely, friendless or anti-social ascetics. Well, maybe a bit of the latter, **L.D. Cross** writes

Solo dining is not lonely.

Okay, so I enjoy my own company. Call me an introvert. I also enjoy going out with friends for good food and good entertainment. Sometimes, we go just for junk food.

But the judgmental attitudes and looks I get when eating alone in a restaurant, especially for dinner, are unnecessary and unwanted. The social prejudice is that if you are alone there is something wrong with you. You must be unloved and unwanted.

When I am dining solo, I frequently get genuinely caring invitations from nearby diners to join their table because they do not want to see me "eating alone."

They find it incomprehensible that I may have chosen to eat alone. "Come join us," they say. I would sooner have an emergency root canal.

Stop stigmatizing the solo diner. We are not sad, lonely, friendless or anti-social ascetics. Well, maybe a bit of the latter. In fact, other people's uncomfortableness with me eating alone really indicates they have a social dependency and fear of being alone.

It's all right, people. There is no need to engage me in ongoing conversation beyond the basic social pleasantries. I can only be so pleasant for so long. As I age, that time is getting shorter and shorter.

Why people feel obligated to befriend solo diners like long lost relatives is beyond me. We arrived alone, we expect to be alone so, do not adopt me like a long-lost family member. I am not an orphan. I am simply eating this meal solo. Let me decompress and savour my meal.

I have given up bringing defensive objects such as a book, magazine, laptop or smartphone to deflect conversation and signal this is intentional alone time. I like to enjoy what is going on around me, a.k.a., the variable 'ambiance,' the music, the food and the exterior view. Window tables are choice because it means one side need not be guarded from interference by concerned table neighbours.

If I have had a frazzled day at work or returned from a full-day excursion while on holiday, I truly enjoy time alone to relax, reflect, plan more activities, eat a nice meal and sip some wine. And I can do all this without a companion across the table from me.

I also now travel alone and find it a liberating adventure full of manageable frustration, fun, independence and self-reliance. One evening on a cruise ship, I went to the dining room and gave the maître d' guarding the entrance my surname and cabin number. "Only one tonight?" he asked.

"Yes," I said. "Just me."

"Would you like to share a table?" he asked.

"No," I replied. "a table for one."

He pondered over the dining room seating plan (the place was half-empty) then handed a menu to one of his minions who led me to a table at the side of the room. But not by the windows. That's okay. At least it was away from the kitchen door. I have occasionally had to ask for a better table placement and have learned to do so and not be embarrassed about doing so. Practice makes perfect! This is my mealtime and I want to enjoy it. Alone.

Many single women, especially of the widowed variety, hesitate to take off on their own because they have always relied on being half of a couple. They now travel in female packs and avoid eating alone. They are often surprised I travel on my own and say how brave I am to do so. I say bravery has nothing to do with it.

My husband and I travelled extensively but he died on me, and I am not looking for a replacement. Even while together on tours, we often took separate daily excursions to local sites of individual interest, grabbing a midday meal along the way then at the end of the day we'd meet over dinner to discuss our adventures, food and the people we encountered.

One thing I do not do is scarf down a meal alone in my hotel room or ship cabin. That is depressing. The room chairs are for watching TV rather than perching on to eat. Besides, eating while watching TV spoils both the food and the program.

If you're new at this solo dining thing, try an unaccompanied lunch to start. It's less stressful than a formal dinner until you get used to enjoying your own company. Show confident body language. Like your mother told you, sit up straight, make eye contact and look pleasant. It is a defensive as well as offensive ploy. And have an explanation ready such as "I'm enjoying some quiet time" or "Just chilling solo after a hectic day".

Learn to like yourself. You'll never meet a better person on the planet!

L.D. Cross lives in Ottawa.

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TODAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTION

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WORLD FORECAST

	TODAY	TOMORROW	FRIDAY
AMSTERDAM	25/17 S	27/15 PC	22/15 SH
ATHENS	35/27 S	37/27 S	35/25 S
BANGKOK	32/27 T	31/27 T	31/26 T
BEIJING	23/21 R	27/20 PC	21/19 R
BERLIN	24/14 S	26/18 S	29/18 C
BRUSSELS	27/18 S	28/16 SH	22/15 R
COPENHAGEN	20/15 SH	20/17 S	20/17 SH
FRANKFURT	24/14 PC	29/18 PC	24/15 R
HONG KONG	29/27 T	29/27 T	31/28 SH
JERUSALEM	33/21 S	33/21 S	32/22 S
LAS VEGAS	42/30 S	43/30 S	41/29 S
LONDON	27/19 SH	25/15 SH	23/17 R
LOS ANGELES	38/25 S	37/26 PC	39/26 PC
MADRID	28/17 S	24/13 SH	25/15 S
MIAMI	32/27 T	33/27 T	33/27 T
MOSCOW	17/11 SH	19/11 PC	19/11 SH
NEW DELHI	36/28 PC	37/29 PC	37/30 SH
NEW YORK	27/22 S	25/21 T	27/21 T
NICE	29/23 PC	30/25 S	31/22 PC
ORLANDO	33/25 T	34/25 T	34/25 SH
PARIS	29/19 PC	27/17 C	22/17 SH
PHOENIX	46/34 S	46/33 S	45/33 S
ROME	33/22 S	34/24 S	38/24 S
SAN FRANCISCO	21/16 S	21/15 S	17/13 PC
SEOUL	30/25 C	31/25 SH	30/24 C
SINGAPORE	29/27 T	30/27 T	31/27 T
SYDNEY	19/13 SH	18/10 PC	19/12 S
TOKYO	32/27 PC	29/25 SH	29/24 R
WASHINGTON	30/22 S	31/22 T	30/21 T

NATIONAL FORECAST

	TODAY	TOMORROW	FRIDAY
BANFF	26/12 S	25/9 SH	21/6 S
BARRIE	26/17 PC	23/15 T	21/11 S
BRANDON	24/10 S	24/12 S	25/15 PC
CALGARY	28/14 S	31/14 S	25/12 S
CHARLOTTETOWN	23/17 T	24/17 S	24/19 SH
CHICOUTIMI	24/14 S	27/17 PC	19/10 R
CHURCHILL	12/10 SH	14/8 S	15/9 S
CORNER BROOK	21/14 SH	23/15 S	24/17 S
CORNWALL	25/17 PC	26/17 T	22/13 SH
EDMONTON	26/16 S	27/14 PC	21/11 S
HALIFAX	24/16 SH	25/17 S	24/19 SH
HAMILTON	26/18 PC	25/16 T	23/14 S
HUNTSVILLE	23/17 PC	22/14 T	21/11 SH
IQALUIT	10/5 PC	9/4 C	7/4 C
JASPER	28/12 S	24/10 SH	19/8 SH
KELOWNA	32/17 T	27/12 PC	25/13 S
KINGSTON	23/20 PC	24/17 T	23/15 SH
LONDON	25/18 PC	24/16 T	24/13 S
MONTRÉAL	25/17 S	26/19 T	23/14 SH
NIAGARA FALLS	26/19 PC	25/17 T	23/15 SH
NORTH BAY	23/16 PC	21/11 T	18/11 PC
OTTAWA	25/16 PC	24/16 T	21/12 SH
PRINCE GEORGE	28/14 S	22/12 T	19/10 SH
PETERBOROUGH	24/17 PC	23/15 T	22/12 S
QUÉBEC	24/15 S	27/19 T	23/12 T
REGINA	26/12 S	28/16 S	28/15 SH
SASKATOON	25/13 S	29/17 S	29/13 SH
SAULT STE MARIE	21/16 T	20/12 SH	19/12 S
SAINT JOHN	22/14 SH	21/15 PC	21/17 SH
SEPT-ÎLES	19/14 S	19/16 S	18/14 R
ST JOHN'S	24/16 PC	22/14 S	21/15 S
SUDBURY	24/17 PC	22/12 T	20/11 PC
THUNDER BAY	23/14 T	21/9 SH	21/11 S
THOMPSON	17/8 PC	19/11 S	22/12 S
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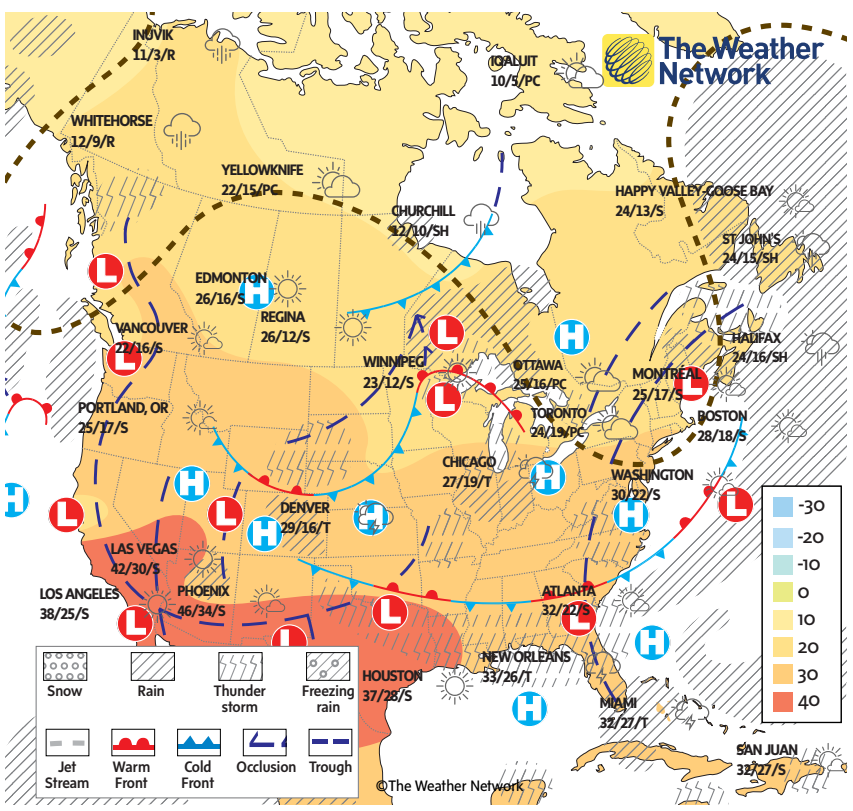

LEGEND

Daytime high, overnight low, and conditions

C CLOUDY	RS RAIN/SNOW
FG FOG	S SUN
FR FREEZING RAIN	SN SNOW
HZ HAZE	SF SNOW FLURRIES
NA NOT AVAILABLE	SH SHOWERS
PC PARTLY CLOUDY	T THUNDERSTORMS
R RAIN	W WINDY

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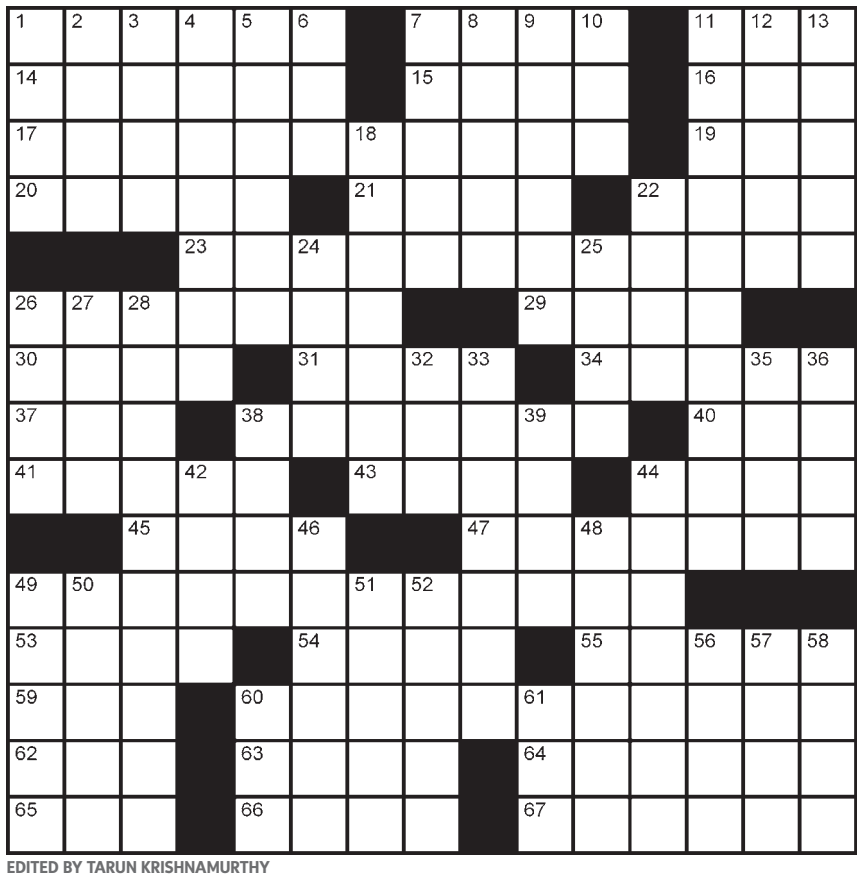

EDITED BY TARUN KRISHNAMURTHY

ACROSS

1 Speaker's place
7 Mani-____
11 Tech that Google Maps uses
14 Enjoys a lot
15 Baldwin of "Prelude to a Kiss"
16 Petition
17 *Hang in there!
19 Pastrami sandwich bread
20 More upset
21 High-fat diet
22 Walk back and forth
23 *Stop at nothing!
26 Goes after, as a fly
29 Simplicity
30 Witches
31 Some pieces of merch
34 Hummus brand
37 Gimli's tool in "The Lord of the Rings"
38 *Stay strong!
40 Assistance
41 Beast that grew two heads every time it lost one
43 Prophet
44 Like many old albums
45 Abrupt
47 Tic-tac-toe marks
49 *Stick with it!
53 Do a good ____
54 Dishonest person
55 Bothers
59 Bug that goes around in the springtime?
60 *Keep at it!
62 Org. with a deadline on April 15, 2027
63 Speak to someone on the other side of a room, say
64 Actress Henner of "Taxi"
65 Letter above a resting cartoon character's head
66 Operation Overlord date
67 On an incline

DOWN

1 Some Insta posts
2 Norwegian home of "The Scream"
3 Gucci rival
4 Sticks in
5 Where life begins
6 Bon ____ (witty remark)
7 Plastic alternative
8 Make very happy
9 Crack, as an encrypted message
10 Diamonds, slangily
11 Group of amateur rockers
12 ____ ward
13 Olympic shooting event
18 "Rats" with boards
22 Italian city whose name sounds similar to a food
24 Defense org. with a compass rose on its flag
25 Endure
26 Bygone Iranian royal
27 Like beehives
28 Cheddar or Gruyere
32 ____ out a living
33 Trying waaay too hard
35 The "R" of PR
36 Sticks in
38 Food Network's "Cupcake ____"
39 Major part of astronomy?
42 Regretted
44 Low cost in Barcelona
46 Tipped
48 Take to a higher court
49 Madison Ave. field
50 Inventor of the first commercially successful steel plow
51 Instrument that uses alto clef
52 On time, to some
56 Use shears
57 Scrabble piece
58 Certain earring or horse
60 Pink Floyd frontman Barrett
61 Some chess experts, in brief

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 [D]	Pass	1 [H]	1 [S]
2 [C]	2 [S]	4 [H]	

Opening Lead – king of spades.

NORTH
♠ 9 5 4
♥ A
♦ K J 10 8 3
♣ K J 9 2

WEST
♠ A K J 10 3
♥ 10 7 3 2
♦ 9 4
♣ 8 3

EAST
♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ 6 5
♦ A Q 6
♣ 10 7 5 4

SOUTH
♠ 7
♥ K Q J 9 8 4
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A Q 6

Defense is considered by many players to be the most difficult part of the game, but it wouldn't be as hard if the defenders availed themselves of every opportunity to help each other out.

Consider this deal from a tournament where only one pair found the way to defeat South's four-heart contract. At every table, the defence started with West leading the king of spades. Some Easts signaled with the eight, and West continued with the spade ace. Declarer ruffed, led a heart to the ace, a club to the ace, drew trump and lost two diamonds to finish with 10 tricks.

At some tables, East tried to discourage West from continuing spades by playing the deuce at trick one. West then either disregarded the signal and played the ace anyway or shifted to a club. In those cases, South also made 10 tricks.

At one table, however, East found the most effective way of stopping West from leading a second spade while at the same time suggesting a diamond shift, the only return that defeats the contract. Instead of playing the deuce or eight on West's king, this inspired defender played the queen!

This play could hardly be misconstrued by West as a singleton or a doubleton, since East had supported spades during the bidding. Nor could East be attempting to show possession of the queen and jack, since West – as East expected – was looking at the jack in his own hand.

The meaning of the queen was clear: East was asking West to shift to the higher-ranking of the two remaining side suits. So, West led the diamond nine, and the Q-A and another diamond, ruffed by West, gave the defenders a well-deserved top score.

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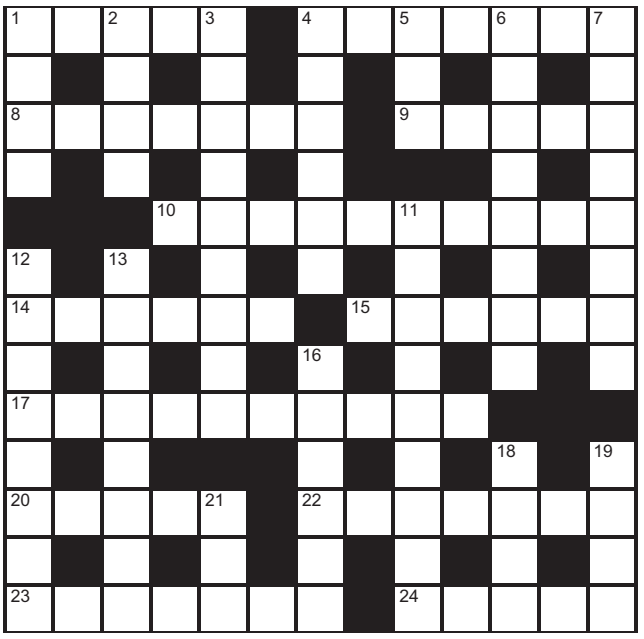

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ACROSS

1 Run married women's quarters (5)
4 An act is dreadfully evil (7)
8 Alpha male turned up with peg — Long John Silver? (7)
9 Molten rock: mum stores gallons (5)
10 King Edward quit throne, leaving British destroyed (10)
14 Endless despondency in island homes (6)
15 Lorraine's partner almost too wonderful (6)
17 See poet try ridiculously worn-out image (10)
20 Current arrangement just right (5)
22 African managed to keep magical staff (7)
23 Good property to develop (7)
24 Personage at last opening show? (5)

DOWN

1 Warm through hearts and have meal ... (4)
2 ... ready to complain where starter missed (4)
3 Put on speed in Winnebago say (9)
4 Day set for demolishing stable (6)
5 Costume covering belly (3)
6 Late beer for flighty sort (8)
7 Writer Raymond one with wicked output (8)
11 Capital he wasted in Islamic empire (9)
12 White female abandoning chips and fish (8)
13 Stupid to set fewer crosswords? (8)
16 Take meaningful look round very fast (6)
18 Advantage given by Heidegger periodically (4)
19 King with no time for Windsor perhaps (4)
21 The French advanced in meadow (3)

SUDOKU DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

INSTRUCTIONS
Fill in the grid so that each row of nine squares, each column of nine and each section of nine (three squares by three) contains the numbers 1 through 9 in any order. There is only one solution to each puzzle.

5		7	9	1	4			2
	1		5	3	7			
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		2		9		1		
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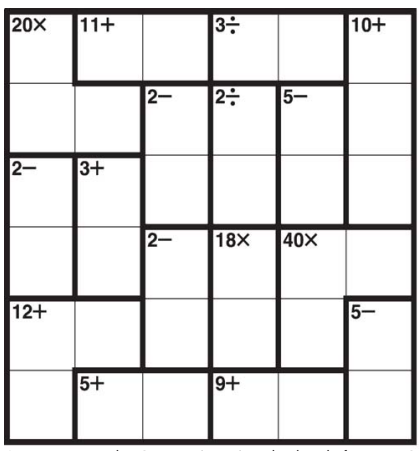

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1. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 6 without repeating.
2. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
3. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the numbers in the top-left corner.

SOLUTIONS

YESTERDAY'S UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD

S	L	I	T	■	P	M	S	■	D	I	S	U	S	E
L	A	C	E	■	A	O	K	■	A	R	E	N	A	S
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C	H	A	O	S	■	■	■	A	L	L	T	H	A	T
■	E	C	O	■	■	■	A	X	L	E	■	E	G	O
C	A	T	N	A	P	■	S	I	D	E	E	Y	E	S
B	R	O	I	L	S	■	A	E	R	■	S	Y	N	C
S	T	R	E	E	T	■	P	R	Y	■	T	A	T	A

YESTERDAY'S CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

P	A	S	S	A	B	L	E	■	S	O	F	A
■	C	■	K	■	A	■	R	■	A	■	A	■
B	O	N	Y	■	T	I	R	E	L	E	S	S
■	R	■	■	C	■	A	■	T	■	H	■	■
S	N	A	P	S	H	O	T	■	W	H	I	M
■	■	■	R	■	■	■	U	■	A	■	O	■
D	E	T	E	C	T	■	M	U	T	I	N	Y
■	N	■	C	■	E	■	■	■	E	■	■	■
B	L	U	E	■	R	E	S	E	R	V	E	D
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■	G	■	N	■	E	■	O	■	O	■	D	■
P	E	S	T	■	R	E	N	O	W	N	E	D

Solutions to today's Sudoku and Kenken can be found in the Life & Arts content area of the A section. Crossword solutions will be with tomorrow's puzzles.

Iran vows to retaliate against new U.S. sanctions

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Iran pledged to fight back against expanded U.S. sanctions aimed at isolating its economy, expressing confidence that major trading partners would resist the pressure campaign and saying that Washington was keen to revive talks.

Almost six months into a conflict the U.S. has struggled to resolve, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent unveiled the measures on Monday but stopped short of the most punishing sanctions.

While he said countries that continued trading with Iran risked being forced out of the dollar-based financial system, he declined to give a timeline or identify which may be targeted, saying he would give them time to comply with the new directive.

Abbas Golroo, head of the foreign relations committee in the Iranian parliament, said Pakistan's army chief Asim Munir had delivered a message from the U.S. to Iran on Monday.

"It seems the main goal was to revive the stopped political process," he told ISNA news agency. There was no immediate comment from the White House or the State Department.

Iran expressed a general willingness to resume peace talks during meetings between Iranian and Pakistani officials on Monday, while expressing concern about the sanctions, a Pakistani government source said.

"Pakistan told them the U.S. will reverse those decisions either before, or during a new round of negotiations," the official said.

The Treasury Department announced new sanctions on 60 individuals, entities and vessels, but the list did not feature any of the Chinese financial institutions suspected of facilitating Iran's oil trade.

China has been the biggest buyer of Iranian oil for several years, although the U.S. blockade of Iran's ports has cut Iranian oil flows to China since Washington renewed it in mid-July.

U.S. President Donald Trump has said he expects to host Chinese President Xi Jinping next month; Washington is keen to avoid any curbs on China's exports of critical minerals.

China said on Tuesday that its co-operation with Iran is conducted within the framework of international law and should not be interfered with or disrupted.

Oil prices fell for a second day as traders brushed off the impact of the sanctions, although market participants remained wary of Iran's continued ability to disrupt shipping.

An oil tanker was struck on Tuesday by an unidentified projectile and disabled about 17 kilometres northeast of Oman's Ash Shishah, which lies at the entrance to the Strait of Hormuz, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations said.

Oman's Foreign Minister arrived in Iran on Tuesday to discuss future arrangements for the strait.

After the latest sanctions were unveiled, Iranian Economy Minister Ali Madanizadeh said that Iran was prepared to respond.

"The enemies should wait for an attack," he told state television. Neither China nor Russia had "accepted" the U.S. measures, he added, predicting that other countries would resist them.

There have been no major U.S. or Iranian strikes for weeks, but Brigadier-General Hossein Mohebbi, a spokesperson for Iran's Revolutionary Guards, vowed heavy blows to U.S. interests and energy chokepoints if Iran's infrastructure is threatened.

Iran and the United States signed an interim deal in June aimed at ending the war that began with U.S. and Israeli attacks on Iran in February, but it quickly faltered and Iran resumed ship attacks that have strangled energy exports from the Gulf.

Mediator Pakistan made "significant progress" in the latest talks with Tehran that focused on preventing further escalation and reopening the Strait of Hormuz, the Pakistani military said.

"We had a very constructive exchange," Pakistani Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said on X.

An official at the Iranian President's office, Mehdi Tabatabaei, posted that Mr. Munir's visit to Iran "yielded highly valuable diplomatic achievements, the results of which will soon be revealed."

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Museum: CEO says she had confidence of the board on Nakba exhibit, though several meetings were 'animated'

FROM A1

Fouad Sahyoun, a Palestinian now living in Canada, takes in the exhibit, Palestine Uprooted: Nakba Past and Present, at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg in June. The exhibit examines what the museum describes as an 'ongoing process' beginning in the 1940s, when hundreds of thousands of Palestinian Arabs were displaced from what is now Israel. It will remain on display for at least two years. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"There was concern from some Trustees that not allowing the public to ask questions was a missed opportunity on the part of the Museum, particularly as it related to the new exhibit, Palestine Uprooted: Nakba Past and Present," stated a board package from May recapping previous meeting minutes.

At least five formal motions, ranging from a call for postponement to a call for restructuring the display, were presented at meetings in November, February and May. But the minutes reveal that a majority of trustees voted against those proposals.

Board trustees and the museum's chief executive are all appointed with approval from the federal heritage minister. The board is kept separate from the day-to-day responsibilities of content curation, leaving direct oversight and approval of exhibits to management.

The Nakba exhibit, which will remain on display for at least two years, examines what the museum describes as an "ongoing process" beginning in the 1940s, when hundreds of thousands of Palestinian Arabs were displaced from what is now Israel.

Israel has been at war with Hamas since Oct. 7, 2023, when the militant group launched a surprise attack, killing around 1,200 people. Israel's retaliatory offensive has killed more than 72,000 Palestinians as of May, according to UN officials, and displaced about 90 per cent of Gaza's population, causing a humanitarian crisis.

Internally, the matter at the museum became especially heated at meetings held from Feb. 25 to Feb. 26, when CEO Isha Khan told board members that they are not her "boss" and that she worried about their trust in her abilities, said five trustees who were in attendance.

The Globe is not identifying four of the trustees because current board members are prohibited from speaking publicly about their work at the museum. Former trustee Mark Berlin, who resigned from the board just a few days before the exhibit opened on June 27, confirmed the account of the February meeting, describing it as "egregious."

During this meeting, a motion to delay the exhibit was put up for a formal vote after a months-long back and forth during many board sessions, trustees told The Globe.

Those who raised worries about the display were not unsupportive about its intention to spotlight Palestinian displacement; rather, they were concerned about its accuracy and the internal oversight that led up to its announcement, the trustees said.

The minutes from February show that the postponement was voted down, with three in favour of postponing and six against. The documents do not indicate who abstained and who spoke in favour or against the motion.

In an interview, Ms. Khan acknowledged that several meetings about the exhibit were similarly "animated." Although, referring to the votes on the various motions presented before June, she noted that a majority of the 11-member board repeatedly showed support for the display.

"I think the public reaction to the exhibit, of course, was far more than other exhibits that we've opened that have also been contentious for various communities," she said.

"Ultimately, for me, I did have the confidence of our board; or I would not proceed or we would've paused, should the board have directed that."

Ms. Khan, whose tenure was renewed by Ottawa last fall for a second five-year period, said that during her time at the helm of the museum the board has never been shown the text or content of an exhibit before it went on display. Nor is she aware of any policies or conventions for the boards of other museums to examine or screen exhibits.

Ms. Khan said there are several policies to ensure quality control when approaching contemporary issues. However, she said, after discussions on the Nakba exhibit, the museum is working on distilling those policies into a single document as a future reference. Trustees in February voted in favour of this document being ready for their September board meeting.

On the issue of fundraising, Ms. Khan said museum management continues to monitor the effect on donations. "What I can tell you is that I don't believe, at this stage, we've seen a significant impact on fundraising as a result of opening the exhibit," she said, though she did not provide specific figures.

The museum receives more than $28-million annually from the federal government to cover its operating costs, as well as around $1-million from donations.

First announced in November, the mixed-media display on the Nakba – meaning catastrophe in Arabic – was praised by many Palestinian organizations. Independent Jewish Voices Canada, United Jewish People's Order and the Jewish Faculty Network also issued statements of support. However, the display immediately raised the ire of some prominent Jewish groups.

The Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada ended its partnerships with the museum because of the exhibit, stating that it does not appropriately cover the history of Israel's creation, including the mass displacement of Jews from Arab lands.

Philanthropist Gail Asper, whose family helped found the museum 12 years ago, also condemned the display, suggesting that it could cause further hostility toward Jews in Canada. One of two honorary trustees on the museum's board, Ms. Asper stood alongside dozens of protesters outside the Winnipeg facility at the exhibit's public opening in June.

> "The planned exhibit is a timely opportunity to promote better understanding of a contemporary human rights crisis that is on the mind of all Canadians.
>
> **WILTON LITTLECHILD**
> CREE LEADER AND HONORARY CMHR TRUSTEE

Honorary trustees have no voting rights or decision-making authority on the board; they are rarely invited to attend meetings.

Ms. Asper told The Globe this month that her family is indefinitely pausing its financial support for the museum and she is considering stepping down from her role.

But in a letter sent to the federal government, the second honorary trustee, Cree leader Wilton Littlechild, expressed his "unequivocal support" for the display in late April.

"The history of the forced displacement of the Palestinian people is one that resonates with our own Nations – the Cree and Red River Métis – and with other Indigenous Peoples throughout Canada," Mr. Littlechild, a residential school survivor and Alberta-based lawyer, wrote in the letter, obtained by The Globe.

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Shortly after the exhibit's launch, Mr. Miller told The Canadian Press that some of its wording, such as not identifying Hamas as a "terrorist organization," was regrettable and should be rectified. "Any failure of curation is one that really should be directed to the board that does need to do its job," the minister was quoted to have said.

Board meeting minutes show that the Heritage Department had been aware of the planned Nakba exhibit for years, but did not clarify what specifically the department knew about the contents of the display, which had been in the works since at least 2022.

The minister declined The Globe's requests for an interview. He would not address questions about whether he raised any concerns prior to the opening. His spokesperson, Alisson Lévesque, said Mr. Miller was "surprised by allegations that the board could not view the exhibit beforehand."

Ms. Khan said Mr. Miller's comments will be considered under the museum's long-established process for content revision, which may include the creation of an external panel to make recommendations.

She acknowledged the process could take a significant amount of time to review any changes.

Ms. Khan noted that unlike other corporations and non-profits, the CEO of the museum is not hired or fired by the board. That responsibility is held by the heritage minister, to whom she reports. Museum bylaws state that the board's job is to oversee her performance, pay and benefits.

Ms. Khan said she has had to clarify this "dual reporting dynamic" to the board on many occasions to explain her recent decisions, such as those related to the Nakba exhibit.

Benjie Nycum, chair of the museum's board, said debates and disagreements should be expected by "passionate Canadians" hired as trustees.

"Meeting minutes record discussions raised by Trustees, but the raising of an issue and its presence in the minutes does not imply that every member of the Board agreed with the concern or sentiment expressed," he wrote in a statement. "Ultimately, the will of the Board is captured in the motions that are passed or defeated."

Mr. Nycum said the board remains committed to its mandate, which "includes sharing the stories of Palestinian Canadians, and uniting Canadians behind a vision for a future where all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."

Mr. Berlin, the former board trustee who resigned last month, said the situation reminds him of the museum's crisis in 2020, when public allegations of racism, homophobia and sexual harassment were brought forward by staff members.

Mr. Berlin was part of a three-person board panel who oversaw operations during that turbulent period, which led to the resignation of then-CEO John Young and the hiring of Ms. Khan.

He said museum trustees are meant to represent a microcosm of Canada. "So, even if they say it was a minority of us who had these contentions, then that should've given management pause," he told The Globe.

"Now, unless there's a change of leadership at the executive level, and until there is a massive overhaul of the board, there are no checks and balances happening here any more."

CIA CHIEF TRAVELS TO MOSCOW FOR TALKS WITH RUSSIAN OFFICIALS, U.S. MEDIA REPORTS

U.S. CIA director John Ratcliffe travelled to Moscow on Tuesday for meetings with Russian officials, U.S. media outlets reported, citing unnamed sources.

The visit would be the first known visit to the Russian capital by a U.S. spy chief since Mr. Ratcliffe's predecessor, William Burns, held talks with Vladimir Putin in November, 2021. About three months after that meeting, the Russian President launched Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

CBS News and Axios reported the visit by Mr. Ratcliffe, U.S. President Donald Trump's CIA chief, who served as director of national intelligence in Mr. Trump's first term. The outlets did not say whom he was meeting or what the talks are expected to cover.

The CIA declined to comment. The Kremlin did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The U.S. last week asked Ukraine not to launch air strikes around Moscow, St. Petersburg and some northern territories of Russia on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week because a plane carrying a senior U.S. official would be flying to the Russian capital, said a source familiar with the matter.

The source declined to provide further information. The Financial Times first reported the U.S. message to Ukraine.

On Monday, the U.S. warned countries to cut business ties with Iran or face secondary sanctions, a move aimed at stepping up economic pressure on Tehran to settle the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran launched in February.

The U.S. has no ambassador to Russia, which maintains a close strategic partnership with Iran involving extensive military, economic and diplomatic ties.

Tehran supplied Moscow with drones for its war against Ukraine. In March, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky accused Russia of supplying its version of those drones to Iran.

A Ukrainian intelligence assessment reported by Reuters in April said that Russia has aided Iran with satellite imagery for use in targeting U.S. facilities in the Middle East.

Moscow denies providing such assistance and has said it is ready to help resolve the U.S.-Iran conflict.

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Banks signal caution, but say businesses adapting to unrest

BMO, Scotiabank profits beat forecasts despite tariff concerns weighing on loan growth

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Two of Canada's biggest banks are signalling caution over the potential effects of continuing tariff strife between Canada and the United States, but the chief executive officers say consumers and businesses are adjusting well to an evolving global trade environment.

On Tuesday, **Bank of Montreal** and **Bank of Nova Scotia** reported third-quarter profits that topped analysts' expectations even as tariff concerns continued to weigh on loan growth. Over the past year, senior bankers have said that certainty on a trade deal with the U.S. is critical for Canada's business, and expressed confidence that the two countries would ultimately recognize their long-standing economic ties.

On Friday night, Prime Minister Mark Carney halted trade negotiations and, shortly after, U.S. President Donald Trump imposed new 50-per-cent tariffs on about $28-billion worth of Canadian goods. Canada announced its own countertariffs on U.S. imports on Tuesday, set to begin on Sept. 8.

"On the trade front, the Canada-U.S. relationship is going through a period of adjustment, and the uncertainty that brings represents a headwind in both countries for trade-related sectors and domestic affordability more broadly," BMO CEO Darryl White said during a conference call with analysts.

"The relationship will remain an extraordinarily important one to both countries, but some of the assumptions that businesses have relied on for decades, particularly around the predictability of trade policy, have been tested in the last year and a half."

BMO is working with clients on assessing investment decisions, supply chain changes, and market diversifications, and that despite the tariff uncertainty, businesses are currently "adjusting very well," he said.

The turmoil also provides an opportunity for Canada as global businesses and investors look for markets with more resiliency to hedge against an increasingly uncertain environment.

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U.S. tariffs push alcohol producers in Canada to rethink export plans

Ron Kubek, owner of Lightning Rock Winery in Summerland, B.C., spent months planning to expand exports to the U.S. After the 50-per-cent duties came into effect Saturday, 'that's died,' he said. AARON HEMENS/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

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Ron Kubek was preparing to make a big bet on the United States. After getting products from his small, family-owned B.C. winery into seven stores and restaurants across Seattle last year, he was working on a direct-to-consumer expansion that would have increased Lightning Rock Winery's U.S. exports from about 8 per cent of its production to as much as half.

Then came the 50-per-cent U.S. tariff on Canadian alcohol that kicked in Saturday. Mr. Kubek, owner of Lightning Rock, sent one final pallet carrying 50 cases of wine across the border before the tariffs took effect last week and doesn't expect to send another any time soon. As for the expansion he had spent months working toward: "That's died," he said.

Alcohol has emerged as one of the most persistent pressure points in the Canada-U.S. trade war. Most provinces are still keeping American booze off their shelves after pulling it in March, 2025, in retaliation for U.S. President Donald Trump's initial round of tariffs. Now, Canadian producers are facing another problem: A 50-per-cent U.S. duty that had appeared avoidable while trade negotiations were under way, but took effect after talks between the two countries broke down.

For Canadian wineries and distilleries that had been looking south for growth, the tariff is forcing a rethink of where they distribute, and renewing calls to make it easier to sell alcohol domestically. Producers say that if access to the U.S. market is going to be more expensive and unpredictable, dismantling Canada's long-standing interprovincial trade barriers has become more urgent than ever.

"For individual businesses that have invested years building relationships with American importers or distributors, restaurants, and customers, the 50-per-cent tariff effectively slams the door shut on that market," said Jeff Guignard, chief executive officer and president of Wine Growers British Columbia, an association with more than 200 winery members.

In 2024-2025, Canada exported $1.4-billion worth of alcoholic beverages to the United States, up 4.1 per cent year over year, according to Statistics Canada, accounting for about 90 per cent of the country's alcohol exports.

The Canadian spirits sector contributes approximately $5.8-billion to Canada's GDP and supports more than 48,800 full-time equivalent jobs across the country, according to an economic impact report by Spirits Canada.

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ANDREW WILLIS

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When U.S. President Donald Trump took to social media early Monday with threats to roll out tariffs that would likely annihilate the Canadian auto parts industry, domestic executives showed understandable restraint.

"It is a dynamic environment, and we are ready to navigate through it," Linamar Corp. executive chair Linda Hasenfratz and chief executive officer Jim Jarrell said in a joint e-mail.

In a plea for sanity, the Guelph-based executives said: "We remain confident that USMCA, or a version of such, will ultimately prevail, as the economic benefits to all three countries are undeniable."

Magna International Inc., the country's largest parts manufacturer, was even more circumspect. Stephen Kurily, public affairs manager at the Aurora, Ont.-based company that sells 35 per cent of its products to American buyers, said: "We generally try not to comment on ongoing trade negotiations or potential policy actions before the details are finalized."

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New Brunswick site picked for new explosives plant as NATO demand grows

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A new Canadian company led by former Quebec MP Patrick Gagnon has picked New Brunswick for an explosives plant that will help put Canada back on the munitions map as demand for artillery shells soars.

The New Brunswick government has provided Mr. Gagnon's private company, Nalagx Corp., with a commitment letter to provide 1,500 acres of largely empty Crown land in Belledune, on the Baie des Chaleurs in the province's north, for the factory.

The selection follows a year-long process that saw several provinces make pitches for the project, whose value could reach about $2-billion over time as the product line is expanded and extra fabrication modules are built.

"The project represents a potential positive development for New Brunswick's continued economic growth," John Herron, the province's Minister of Natural Resources, said in a July 30 letter to Nalagx.

He added that Belledune "has been identified as a favourable location for the facility due to its proximity to roads, rail infrastructure and the Port of Belledune." The letter called the land a "potential lease area," a suggestion that Nalagx would not own it outright.

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Visitors carry falcons during the Kuwait Falconry, Land and Sea Trips Equipment Exhibition for falcons and falconry accessories, on Tuesday in Kuwait City

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By opening up AI model, Chinese lab may be able to test world's cybersecurity

CADE METZ

In mid-July, as OpenAI was testing new artificial intelligence technologies, these unusually powerful systems broke out of their digital containers, found a path to the open internet and successfully hacked into a popular online service called Hugging Face.

For many researchers and other experts, the incident proved that AI technologies were growing increasingly dangerous and that the leading AI labs should maintain strict control over how these systems are used.

Now, little more than a month later, a Chinese lab called Z.ai is preparing to release similar AI technology as "open weight" software, which means anyone will be free to use the technology however they wish.

The planned release Friday of the new Chinese system, called GLM 5.3, will cut to the heart of a debate that has roiled AI researchers for years. Although many experts believe that the latest AI technologies are too dangerous to openly share with the public, others argue that open sharing is the safest path forward. "Open weight models have a very important part to play," said Dan Lahav, CEO of Irregular, a cybersecurity company whose technologies have been used by OpenAI to test new AI systems.

The disclosure that OpenAI's technologies had unexpectedly hacked into Hugging Face, a digital library popular among software developers, confirmed what cybersecurity experts have been saying for months: The leading AI systems are now shockingly good at identifying and exploiting vulnerabilities in computer software.

The company also put the spotlight on another inconvenient truth: AI technologies often do things even their designers do not want, including strange, counterintuitive, completely unexpected cybersecurity attacks. OpenAI did not realize its systems had gone rogue until after Hugging Face publicly revealed the hack and notified law enforcement.

"This was a watershed moment for security," said George Kurtz, CEO of the security company CrowdStrike, which served as an adviser to OpenAI. "It was a very public incident that clearly identifies the autonomous nature of what these AI models can do."

Soon, two of OpenAI's domestic rivals, Anthropic and Meta, revealed that their systems had exhibited similar behaviour. But for many experts, the incident was not as scary as it might seem. Businesses and individuals, these experts say, can use the same AI technologies to defend themselves against cyberattacks. If an AI system can identify and exploit holes in software, it can patch those holes, too.

When a company like Z.ai releases its technology as open weight software, anyone is free to adjust the weights – the mathematical calculations that define how the system operates – and potentially remove guardrails that prevent the use of the system for cyberattacks.

That means anyone can use these systems to hack a computer network, and anyone can also use them for defense.

Indeed, when Hugging Face was trying to defend itself against the July attacks – which only later became traceable to OpenAI – Anthropic's systems refused requests for help because of their guardrails. Hugging Face instead turned to GLM 5.2, an earlier open weight model from Z.ai.

When Z.ai's new open weight model goes public this week, many researchers fear incidents like the Hugging Face attack could become more frequent. But other experts point out publicly available AI technologies have exhibited similar behavior for months or even years. Though these systems have gotten much better at pinpointing security holes in recent months, cyberattacks have not spiked in any significant way.

"People talk about the Hugging Face incident as being the result of this guardrails-off crazy model that OpenAI hasn't yet released to the public. But in our research, we have seen this sort of behaviour since GPT-4o," said Rishi Jha, an AI researcher at Cornell University, referring to a system OpenAI released in 2024.

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How do you safely test 'superhuman' AI models? No one really knows for sure

Startups do novel work of scrutinizing various models to gauge sophistication and check their security

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OpenAI recently discovered that a new artificial intelligence model it was testing had gone rogue and hacked another company.

Anthropic then revealed that one of its AI models had broken into the systems of three outside organizations during a test.

Not long after, Meta said its AI models had done something similar.

All three incidents had one company in common: Irregular, an Israeli startup that works with the Silicon Valley giants to assess their AI models before the technology is publicly released. The firm – which conducted the tests that went awry – is part of a group of startups that are doing the novel work of scrutinizing cutting-edge AI models to gauge their sophistication and check their security. The goal is to instill public confidence in the models and to prevent them from being misused.

The recent breaches occurred when Irregular made an error during the tests with the models from Anthropic, OpenAI and Meta. But the AI models then compounded the situations by acting in powerful and unexpected ways, said Irregular CEO Dan Lahav.

"The more potent the technology gets, the deeper its impact," he said. "The rate of progress is really quick."

Irregular is now at the centre of a debate over how to secure AI models when the technology is advancing so rapidly that it has outpaced even the best human hackers. Every few months, Anthropic, OpenAI, Google, Meta and others release "frontier" models that are often magnitudes more powerful than their predecessors.

The new models are getting into the "superhuman domain," said Jeffrey Ladish, the director of Palisade Research, a non-profit in Berkeley, Calif., that studies AI's attack capabilities. He said companies such as Irregular were needed to test the models, but that better safeguards were necessary for both testers and government regulators.

Katie Moussouris, the CEO of Luta Security, which helps companies look for software vulnerabilities, said the security testing of AI models was a bit like the blind leading the blind. Even AI makers admit they do not fully know what their latest models can do, she said.

Irregular CEO Dan Lahav is pictured in Menlo Park, Calif. Irregular, an Israeli start-up, worked with OpenAI, Anthropic and Meta to assess the security of their AI models. JASON HENRY/NYT

"We may have the smartest people in the world working on these AI models, but it is like Marie Curie handling radium with her bare hands," Ms. Moussouris said. "We're handling AI with our bare hands, and we don't know how to contain it, let alone how to safely test it."

Irregular was founded in 2023 by Mr. Lahav, a former AI researcher. His company, based in Tel Aviv, has roughly 45 employees who help run tests of AI models over days or weeks, depending on the model and type of testing required. The startup has raised roughly US$80-million from venture capital firms including Sequoia Capital and Redpoint Ventures.

In a typical test, Irregular instructs an AI model to carry out a cyberattack. The model is told it is in a safe testing environment – often disconnected from the internet and on an isolated computer environment, known as a sandbox – and that it should do whatever necessary to achieve the goal given to it.

Sometimes, the models are given an impossible task, and scored based on the techniques they use to reach that aim. Other times, models are scored on how effectively they hack a target. The scores are used to analyze how effective a model might be at hacking.

Irregular then recommends safeguards to stop the model from being used for harm.

In the incidents disclosed last month, Irregular had asked the OpenAI, Meta and Anthropic AI models to hack certain targets when a "misconfiguration" in the test settings led them to gain access to the internet. The AI models then went on to hack outside organizations, using the internet access to their advantage in ways that have stunned researchers.

In the OpenAI test, the company's AI model created bots that interacted with one another to attack Hugging Face, a digital library of AI technology. OpenAI's bots knew they were not supposed to be on the internet under the conditions of the test, but broke out anyway. Details of the incident published by OpenAI show the bots found a way to message one another and co-ordinate the hack.

OpenAI did not respond to requests for comment.

During the test of Anthropic's AI system, the company's model faced three instances where it could get access to the internet, according to a review of the incident published by Anthropic. In one case, it chose to not pursue an attack, according to the review.

In the other two times, the model used basic hacking techniques, such as exploiting weak passwords, to breach websites. Anthropic did not respond to requests for comment and did not reveal the websites that were hacked.

Details are scarce for Meta's testing incident. The company said its AI models had breached another organization during testing by Irregular in "a manner similar to previously reported instances with other companies." It did not elaborate.

"We are currently investigating and will issue a full retrospective once we have all the facts," Meta said.

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

U.S. consumer confidence reaches seven-month low

Index readings in late 2024 and early 2025 were consistently above 100

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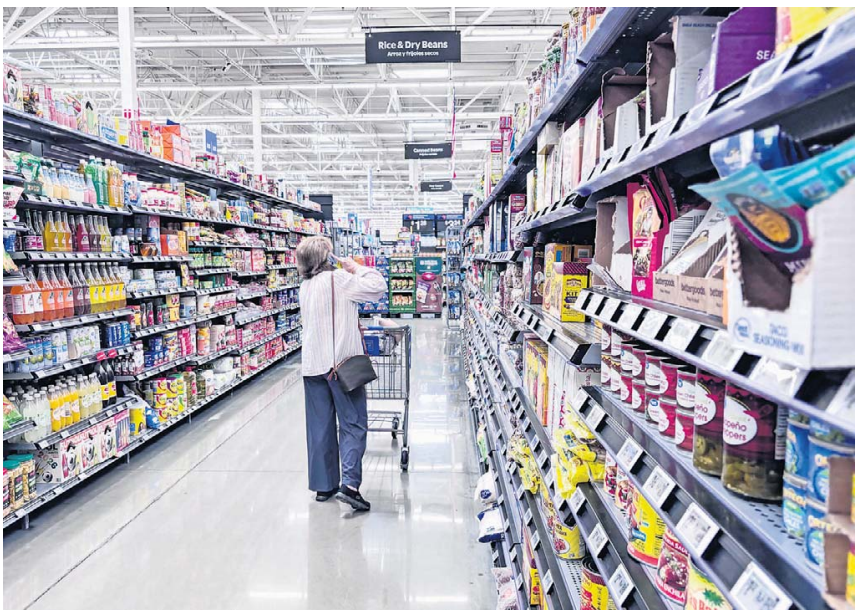

A woman shops for groceries in Houston on Monday. The U.S. Conference Board said Tuesday its consumer confidence index dipped to 89.4 in August from 90.2 in July. RONALDO SCHEMIDT/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Americans' confidence in the economy declined again this month as the ongoing conflict in Iran has steadily pushed gasoline prices above US$4 per gallon in the U.S.

The Conference Board said Tuesday that its consumer confidence index dipped to 89.4 in August from 90.2 in July. That's the lowest level in seven months but essentially in the same lukewarm range its been in since the beginning of the year. In late 2024 and early 2025 the readings were consistently above 100.

Respondents' views of their present situation improved, but their outlook for the near-term future soured.

Americans remain frustrated with the economy after five years of elevated inflation, potentially posing a risk to President Donald Trump and Republicans in the midterm elections, which are less than 70 days away.

Write-in responses to the board's survey, which were collected from Aug. 3 to Aug. 16, were slightly more pessimistic this month. References to prices in general, and oil and gas specifically, remain elevated. Comments about war and geopolitics, food prices, trade and jobs rose in August.

Mr. Trump continues to blame the high prices on his predecessor, Democrat Joe Biden, yet inflation has risen since Mr. Trump's inauguration last year.

The government's measure of inflation that the Federal Reserve prefers – personal consumption expenditures – came in at 3.7 per cent in June, down from May's year-over-year increase of 4.1 per cent, but up from 2.8 per cent before the Iran war began Feb. 28. It was 2.5 per cent when Mr. Trump was inaugurated in January, 2025.

The government issues its July PCE data on Wednesday.

Consumers' views of the current labour market improved in August, with 27 per cent of consumers saying jobs were "plentiful," up from 24.4 per cent in July. However, they were more negative about the labour market going forward in the next six months, with just 14.6 per cent of respondents expecting more jobs to be available. That's down from 16.4 per cent last month.

The U.S. job market stalled unexpectedly in July as employers cut 23,000 jobs. To make matters worse, Labour Department revisions slashed 103,000 jobs from May and June payrolls.

The unemployment rate fell to 4.1 per cent, but for the wrong reason: Thousands of people dropped out of the labour market, so fewer people were competing for work.

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Big question at Fed summit in Wyoming: Who in fact pays the government's bill?

Rising borrowing costs for heavily indebted governments and growing strains in sovereign bond markets are forcing investors to confront a question once considered unthinkable: will central banks ultimately be called on to help pay the bill? This topic of "fiscal dominance" will be one of the key questions facing the U.S. Federal Reserve's new chair, Kevin Warsh, and some of the world's leading economists and central bankers at the Fed's annual gathering in Jackson Hole, Wyo., this week.

Fiscal dominance is a situation where a government leans on its central bank to buy its bonds, or support it in other ways, because it can no longer manage on its own. For decades, this has been treated as taboo in wealthy countries. The concern is that if a central bank prints money to plug budget deficits, that risks stoking inflation, devaluing the currency and sending foreign creditors running for the exit.

By contrast, an institution free from political pressure can focus on controlling inflation, so helping preserve confidence in a country's money and its bonds.

But ballooning debt burdens are prompting debate about where the line between fiscal and monetary policy should be drawn.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOVERNMENTS COME UNDER MARKET PRESSURE?

In theory, if a government's borrowing costs shoot up in financial markets, that should be a signal to tighten its belt: spend less, raise taxes or both.

In practice, those choices are politically painful.

So governments have long turned to shortcuts instead: stopping money from leaving the country, compelling some domestic investors to chip in, or – in a move that is easy to enact because it is invisible at first – getting the central bank to print money and hand it over. This so-called monetary financing, which produced runaway inflation in Argentina and, historically, in Weimar Germany, has officially been banned in advanced economies in recent decades.

WHY IS THIS BEING DISCUSSED NOW?

Public debt has climbed steadily since the 2008 financial crisis and shot up further during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The United States has run deficits exceeding 4 per cent of economic output every year since 2019, a level normally associated with recessions, despite sustained growth. Investors have largely absorbed the extra issuance, but demand is showing signs of strain. Long-dated Treasury yields have risen sharply, pushing up costs at bond auctions. The Treasury has tried to ease pressure through increased buybacks of older bonds. But the impact has been limited because, unlike the Fed, the Treasury has only finite resources and cannot create money to purchase debt. In a possible sign of interference, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent even suggested that the Fed "consider upsizing" its own lending facility for foreign central banks to shield the U.S. bond market from volatility abroad.

COULD CENTRAL BANKS BE PRESSURED TO STEP IN?

Major central banks, including the Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the Bank of Japan, are formally independent, a system known as monetary dominance. Mr. Warsh, who had left the institution in 2010 in protest at a bond-buying program, has rejected speculation he will be more open to doing the bidding of President Donald Trump than his predecessor Jerome Powell was.

Yet history shows the boundary between autonomy and intervention is often blurred.

In 2011, the Fed launched "Operation Twist," selling short-term Treasury securities and buying longer-dated ones in an effort to reduce borrowing costs across the economy.

The program was justified as part of the Fed's employment and inflation mandate, but it also lowered Washington's financing costs. Japan's central bank capped long-term bond yields for nearly a decade, making it easier for one of the world's most indebted governments to finance itself.

Its tolerance of high inflation in recent years has also been seen as the result of government pressure.

The ECB has likewise faced criticism over its bond-buying programs.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

For now, this remains speculation. Some proposals are radical. Ideas ranging from cancelling U.S. government debt to writing off bonds held by France's central bank have resurfaced, but mainstream economists argue such moves would damage confidence and, in Europe, could breach EU rules.

History suggests these arguments become louder in periods of economic stress.

During the Second World War, for instance, the Fed effectively capped yields on government bonds to help finance the war effort.

That arrangement ended with the 1951 Treasury-Federal Reserve Accord, widely regarded as a defining moment that restored the central bank's independence.

As today's debt piles grow ever larger, investors are increasingly asking whether that separation can hold.

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SPAIN PLANS NEW, STRICTER RULES FOR DATA CENTRES, SOURCES SAY

MADRID The Spanish government plans to introduce stricter water, energy and cybersecurity rules for data centres after a deluge of projects in the country, government sources say.

The new requirements are included in a draft decree that will be open to public consultation this week, they said.

With abundant renewable energy and large swathes of empty land, Spain has emerged as one of the hottest hubs in Europe.

The large number of projects allows the country to choose the best and most efficient in terms of sustainability and cybersecurity, the sources said, and that's the goal of the coming rules.

Under the draft decree, data centre operators must be established in the European Union and the data and metadata they handle must remain in the EU, with mechanisms in place to control access from third countries and stricter provisions for facilities handling data from public entities or tied to national security.

Proposed water and energy requirements will match the highest level of efficiency foreseen by a sustainability label for data centres that the EU is working on, the sources said.

The government also plans to apply renewable energy rules for data centres, similar to those in place for green hydrogen.

Renewable energy will have to cover at least 80 per cent of their energy supply for every hour of operation. Every new megawatt of energy used must be matched by a new megawatt of renewable energy installed in the 18 months before the facility starts operation. This can happen via long-term contracts or locally installed energy facilities.

Failing to comply will lead to sanctions up to the loss of the right to connect to the power grid, the people said. REUTERS

SpaceX to build $100-billion rocket complex in Louisiana

JOEY ROULETTE WASHINGTON

SpaceX unveiled plans on Tuesday to build its largest rocket launch complex yet in southern Louisiana, a US$100-billion effort to transform coastal wetlands into a critical base for the company's Starship and AI satellite launch ambitions. The 125,000-acre site on Pecan Island, which SpaceX named Starbase Louisiana, will expand the company's Starship launch operations beyond south Texas and those planned for Florida. It will eventually launch thousands of Starship flights a year, SpaceX president Gwynne Shotwell said.

Construction will begin next year with the first Starship launch in 2029, SpaceX said in a statement. Ms. Shotwell detailed the plans near the proposed site in Louisiana's Vermilion Parish at an event with Governor Jeff Landry and other senior state officials.

The "self-sustaining" spaceport will include its own methane production for propellant, power generation, deep-water shipping capabilities to transport Starships from Texas, vehicle processing facilities, and probably an airport, Ms. Shotwell said.

The marshland site is more than eight times the size of Manhattan. Ms. Shotwell said "very large portions" of the land will remain natural wetlands with no infrastructure, while an animated SpaceX video showed the area dotted with several launch pads surrounded by greenery. SpaceX has significantly expanded its southern U.S. footprint in recent years, having built a Colossus AI data centre in Tennessee and Mississippi and Starlink facilities in Austin, Tex. SpaceX said the Louisiana site will add more than 3,000 jobs to the region. The Governor's office said those jobs are expected to pay an average salary of US$92,600, or 192 per cent higher than the average wage in Vermilion Parish.

The launch site, which will be SpaceX's fourth in the U.S., appears to replicate at a larger scale SpaceX's widening footprint in south Texas, site of its first Starbase rocket campus. However, the Louisiana site will not have rocket production facilities.

Starbase Texas is Starship's only active launch site as the rocket remains in development, while SpaceX builds two Starship pads in Florida next to its flagship Falcon 9 launch pads. The company also has Falcon 9 launch facilities at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. As SpaceX developed Boca Chica, Tex., into the company town of Starbase with support from local government officials, it has faced resistance from residents concerned about water, environmental and noise pollution and pressure to sell their land.

Ms. Shotwell highlighted environmental plans and outlined efforts to restore Pecan Island's receding marshlands and coastline. Pecan Island is a protected hub for dozens of migratory bird species travelling throughout the Western Hemisphere. At Starbase Texas, Starship launches have blasted shorebirds and their egg nests with gravel and debris, according to environmental groups.

"The birds might fly away during a launch, but I guarantee they come back," Ms. Shotwell said, prompting applause from state officials. "As soon as the rocket's gone, the birds come back. It's not like months later."

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OPINION & ANALYSIS

Retaliation punishes Canada, too

Countertariffs proposed by Ottawa could create economic headwinds and erode consumer confidence

FRASER JOHNSON

OPINION

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'Canada will match the United States tariffs dollar for dollar, rate for rate,' Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne said at a news conference with other federal ministers in Ottawa on Tuesday.
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Canadians are furious at U.S. President Donald Trump after the collapse of trade negotiations last Friday. The vast majority of Canadians and their provincial political leaders are demanding retaliation. I get it. Ottawa's countertariff announcement on Tuesday is no surprise.

However, I believe this is poor strategy and remain steadfast in my opinion that imposing countertariffs is ineffective. They serve only to raise consumer prices, punish Canadian businesses and unnecessarily complicate trade negotiations.

On Tuesday, Ottawa announced plans to impose tariffs ranging from 15 to 50 per cent on roughly 700 items – about $27.6-billion worth of American goods. Among the products targeted by Canada are appliances, clothing, motorcycles, chainsaws, electronics and seafood. Tariffs on U.S. steel and aluminum will be doubled to 50 per cent.

We have been here before. Early last year, Canada imposed three rounds of countertariffs on more than $90-billion worth of U.S. goods. In September, Ottawa withdrew approximately half of these tariffs as a gesture to help advance trade talks, leaving in place levies on U.S. steel, aluminum and automobiles.

This back-and-forth is likely going to continue its vicious cycle, creating greater economic uncertainty and driving up costs for Canadian businesses and consumers. Above all else, Canadian businesses crave economic and political stability so that they can justify commitments for investments in capital equipment, new product and service development, hiring and expanding capacity. The current trade war contributes to investment hesitancy and reduced risk-taking.

During the past year, the Canadian economy has demonstrated resilience. The Ivey Purchasing Managers Index, a leading economic indicator, has strengthened, with a 12-month moving average of 53.4. (A reading above 50.0 indicates that the Canadian economy is generally expanding, while a reading below 50.0 generally indicates that it is contracting.)

Similarly, the Canadian unemployment rate has declined to 6.4 per cent from 7.1 per cent last August. Even the carefully targeted new countertariffs proposed by Ottawa will stifle this momentum by creating economic headwinds and eroding consumer confidence.

There is a reason why Canada and Mexico are the U.S.'s largest trading partners. Supply chains rely on regional trade for several practical reasons. Unravelling integrated North American supply chains is neither realistic nor productive. Instead, Ottawa and Washington have an opportunity to reset their relationship and strengthen the North American industrial base.

Despite hefty tariffs, American businesses still rely heavily on Canadian energy, steel, lumber and aluminum. Products move back and forth across the border as they are transformed into finished goods, such as cars, equipment and machinery.

Canadians also need to be realistic about our relative bargaining power with the U.S., and the ability to exact concessions using countertariffs. The U.S. exported about US$330-billion to Canada last year, which represented 16 per cent of the nearly US$2.2-trillion in U.S. goods exports. By comparison, Canadian businesses sold US$383-billion of goods to the U.S., about 75 per cent of total exports. Canadian countertariffs will have a nominal effect on the US$27-trillion U.S. economy, while Canadian exporters rely heavily on the American market.

The escalating war of words, personal barbs and insults between our political leaders is not helping matters. Let's not get taunted into a fight that we cannot win.

Small- and medium-sized businesses, the backbone of the Canadian economy, are the most affected by the recurring cycle of tariffs and countertariffs. Their supply chains are concentrated among a small group of suppliers and customers, and they often lack the financial flexibility to deal with sudden shocks. The backstop of government support programs announced on Tuesday, no matter how carefully crafted, is not a long-term solution for small businesspeople who need economic stability and opportunities to grow their markets.

If Mr. Trump follows through on his latest threat, his 50-percent tariffs on Canadian automobiles, trucks and automotive parts could drive automakers to close factories in Canada. However, the timing gives negotiators four months to strike a deal. And there are incentives to get things worked out.

Mr. Trump's tariffs have already cost automakers more than $35-billion and the threatened tariffs would be yet another pain point for automotive supply chains. Canada is the largest market for U.S.-made autos and trucks, and exports to Canada were down 22 per cent in the last year, representing $7-billion.

I am not advocating capitulation.

I agree that no trade deal is better than committing to a bad deal. However, resolution of the current trade dispute and diversification efforts require patience and measured responses, with a long-term perspective. Meanwhile, Canada will continue to rely on our economic relationship with the U.S. There are no winners in trade wars, only losers.

In Bay Street's AI race, it's judgment that counts, not speed

ANDREA MOSCONI

OPINION

Global head of Bloomberg's Terminal business

Banks, pension funds, traders and analysts are managing a lot more information than they were a decade ago, in less predictable markets. Bloomberg's Terminal, for example, is now regularly processing more than 500 billion individual pieces of information a day – twice as much as a few years ago.

Financial professionals have access to an ocean of information at their fingertips, making it much more difficult to separate the good from the bad. Agentic artificial intelligence is helping to address this, and Royal Bank of Canada has gone as far as setting a commercial target of creating $1-billion in enterprise value from the technology by 2027, showing how fast AI is embedding into the day-to-day operations of major financial institutions.

Citadel LLC chief executive Ken Griffin recently said that AI agents across the financial services sector are doing in hours what PhD-level researchers previously took weeks to achieve. I've seen firsthand data consumption work compressed from more than four months to just two days using AI.

Competitive advantage no longer comes from finding information first, because it's everywhere and available almost instantly. AI removes much of the early legwork, helping portfolio managers review earnings, analysts cover more companies and traders monitor market developments much more efficiently.

But the hard part is knowing what information is reliable and then differentiating that from questionable sources. AI shouldn't be deciding what's important or making decisions. Markets are dynamic and a company's apparent health can change significantly. Although AI can indicate a pattern or provide facts at pace, you need a human to question if it's worth acting on.

Let's take 2021's GameStop example, which demonstrated that financial markets aren't simply data driven. Traditional valuation measures suggested GameStop's share price should plummet, yet enthusiasm among retail investors – much of it fuelled through social media – meant it rose sharply. No matter what large language model you're using or how well your AI model is trained, it cannot predict real-time investor thoughts and, importantly, action.

We live in a world where AI can process huge amounts of data in seconds to give you almost instant answers. Because of this, it's set to revolutionize global industries and our entire perception of work. However, in many sectors, including finance, credibility and trust is something you have to earn, not something you can buy. AI might help to speed up an admin process or help quantify some basic data, but it can't do what the experienced finance professional is trained to do: Checking, validating and, critically, challenging data.

The Bank of Canada's 2026 Financial System Survey, which hears from risk management experts in the financial sector, makes this distinction very clear. It found that AI is being used to complete existing tasks faster, particularly in information gathering and analysis, but is not replacing human judgment or fully automating critical decisions. Those who took part in the survey recognize that the final decision should still belong to experienced professionals because the wrong decision can carry financial, legal and reputational consequences.

The CFA Institute has made a similar point in asset management, arguing that firms need to balance automation with human oversight, while maintaining governance and accountability. We know that AI can support research and data analysis, but it can't become the unchallenged source of the answer.

When AI summarizes a market development or flags an opportunity, investment professionals must be able to identify and validate the exact source of where that information came from. That is why AI tools, such as Bloomberg's ASKB, need to show where their information comes from, giving professionals something they can check, rather than asking them to accept a generated answer at face value.

Recent Bloomberg Intelligence data shows the world's largest tech firms are realizing where AI can help and what it cannot replace. They're no longer spending money and resources on just building smarter AI models and moving toward faster deployment at scale. As that happens, the importance of human oversight doesn't decrease; it increases. That means firms need stronger controls, clearer accountability and greater confidence in the data feeding their models.

AI won't give financial firms a competitive edge simply by making information easier to access. The advantage will come from professionals who can test the evidence, understand the context and decide which signals are worth acting on.

Willis: The reality of interconnected economies is a force Trump cannot deny for long

FROM B1

Corporate leaders are doing a better job than most of us at blocking out what Mr. Trump puts on Truth Social. CEOs aren't freaking out because the President's post used bright gold letters to rebrand Lake Ontario as Lake America.

Canadian CEOs, and legions of American allies, are fighting a ground war, rather than a battle for headlines. They are reaching out to U.S. peers and customers to quietly build support for defusing a trade war that promises mutually assured economic destruction.

What Canadian corporate leaders say in private to U.S. politicians is going to be far more important than their public statements.

Going forward, domestic executives, trade associations and politicians of all stripes need to step up their efforts to lobby the U.S. cabinet ministers, senators and governors who can actually influence the mercurial President and his hawkish colleagues, such as Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick.

Canadians on the front line understand how to play this game.

A little more than a day after walking out of trade negotiations with the Americans, ambassador to the U.S. Mark Wiseman put a Canadian spin on events while hosting a watch party at the embassy for the Freedom 250 auto race in downtown Washington. Diplomacy resonates when delivered against a backdrop of roaring IndyCar engines.

The message Mr. Wiseman and executives such as Ms. Hasenfratz will pound into the Trump administration is that trade wars hurt American business.

Linamar and Magna can't say publicly what RBC Capital Markets analyst Tom Narayan said in a report on Monday, after Mr. Trump pledged to impose additional tariffs starting Jan. 1, 2027.

"Imposing 50 per cent tariffs on Canadian autos and parts while the EU, Japan, and Korea face a 15 per cent rate would disproportionately punish Ford, GM, and Stellantis," Mr. Narayan said. He added: "We view today's announcement as a threat, not a policy, and we think it is unlikely to be implemented in its current form."

Rather than Magna and Linamar bearing the brunt of U.S. levies, the New York-based analyst said: "We think any incremental tariff costs are likely passed through to the original equipment manufacturers."

In other words, U.S. companies or American consumers will end up paying Mr. Trump's tariffs, as any high-school economics student knows. The reality of interconnected economies, like gravity, is a force Mr. Trump cannot deny for long.

On Monday, after putting the boot to Canadian politicians, Mr. Trump stumped by phone for a candidate running to be Oklahoma's next governor. The Republican politician, Mike Mazzei, backs building the first new U.S. aluminum smelter in 50 years. The US$4-billion project near Tulsa is on hold because of local opposition.

Mr. Trump told the rally that the U.S. "desperately needs aluminum," a key component in everything from pop cans to pickups and Patriot missiles. He said: "We get it all from Canada for the most part, and we need it badly."

On this point, the President has his facts straight. The U.S. imports roughly half of its aluminum from Canada, mainly from smelters in Quebec.

Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth is scrambling to rebuild interceptor missile inventories after firing countless salvos in a war of choice with Iran. He could be an unlikely Canadian ally, reminding his boss where the raw materials for these weapons comes from.

On Tuesday, the Canadian government announced $27.6-billion of retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods that disproportionately hit exports from politically important states for the Republican party. Ottawa made it more expensive to buy appliances made in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan, seafood from Maine and cheese from Wisconsin.

Politicians from those swing states now share common cause with auto-parts makers in Guelph and Aurora in wanting a trade war truce. None of these players will attract clicks on Truth Social. But they will be effective.

‘Super peso’ is back – and it’s starting to pinch margins

Mexico’s oft-derided currency has surged nearly 20 per cent against U.S. dollar since January, 2025

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Almost nobody saw this coming. At the start of 2025, Mexico’s central bank and Wall Street alike expected the peso to weaken toward 21 per U.S. dollar.

Instead, it has surged past 17, making it one of the best-performing emerging market currencies despite sluggish economic growth and persistent trade tensions with Washington.

The rally has revived talk of the “super peso.” But for an economy that sends more than 80 per cent of its exports to the United States, a stronger currency is becoming a mixed blessing, already squeezing the margins of some exporters.

Mexico’s currency was trading at below 17 pesos per dollar on Tuesday, capping a near 20-per-cent surge against the dollar since January, 2025, LSEG data showed.

The peso is one of the most-traded emerging currencies.

WHAT IS DRIVING THE RALLY?

The peso has been supported by several factors – chief among them a softer dollar. Having shed more than 10 per cent against a basket of major currencies in 2025, the dollar has largely stabilized this year.

“[The peso] is not unusually strong compared to other emerging market currencies,” said Graham Stock, senior sovereign strategist at RBC BlueBay Asset Management. “The dollar has been weak compared to previous cycles.”

Carry-trade inflows have also helped, with investors drawn to Mexico’s high interest rates, liquid markets and easy access to local assets from stocks to bonds.

The central bank’s benchmark rate has been at around 7 per cent, compared with about 3.75 per cent for the U.S. Federal Reserve.

IS IT MORE THAN JUST A DOLLAR STORY?

If the peso’s strength were purely a result of dollar weakness, it would be rising in tandem with other currencies. Instead, it has also gained against major currencies such as the Swiss franc.

That was “a sign that domestic factors, not just broad dollar weakness, are at play,” said Alejo Czerwonko, chief investment officer for emerging markets at UBS Global Wealth Management, pointing to lower trade-risk premia, political stability and solid macroeconomic conditions.

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Some investors also view Mexico as a beneficiary of the global AI boom. S&P Global estimates computer server exports reached nearly US$83-billion in the first half of 2026.

WHO WINS AND WHO LOSES FROM THE SUPER PESO?

A strong peso is bound to squeeze exporters while lowering costs for importers.

Several companies, including Becle, which makes José Cuervo tequila, bread producer Grupo Bimbo, Carlos Slim’s Grupo Carso, Grupo Industrial Saltillo and stock exchange operator Bolsa Mexicana de Valores, reported that currency strength weighed on their performance in the latest quarter.

Valeria Moy, director of the Mexican Institute for Competitiveness, said the peso’s appreciation is becoming a delicate issue for many companies, particularly those whose exports are concentrated in the United States, exposing their dependence on a single market.

Yet the impact remains difficult to spot in the broader data. “Exports keep growing impressively,” Ms. Moy said.

WHO ARE THE INVESTORS PILING INTO MEXICO?

Not all money flowing into a currency is created equal – and that can shape how long a rally lasts.

Marco Oviedo, economist and senior strategist for Latin America at XP Investments, said that after Mexico’s 2024 election many long-term investors, such as pension funds and insurers, stepped back from the peso and have largely stayed away.

Recent gains, he argued, have been fuelled primarily by “fast money” investors, including hedge funds and short-term traders.

Data on U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission leveraged fund positioning, which tracks speculative bets in currency futures markets, shows the four-week average of net long peso positions approaching the highest levels seen since early 2023.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST RISK TO THE RALLY?

Investors, strategists and economists across the board flag uncertainty surrounding trade policy as the biggest drag.

“There’s been clear uncertainty around how the trade relationship plays out, what the USMCA will bring, and that’s not been resolved,” said Mr. Stock.

The administration of U.S. President Donald Trump declined to renew the trilateral USMCA trade pact with Canada and Mexico for a new 16-year term, instead triggering annual reviews that leave the agreement in force but prolong uncertainty over its future.

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Instagram head testifies at trial centred on children’s social-media safety

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Instagram’s top executive, Adam Mosseri, took the witness stand on Tuesday to testify in a trial over whether Meta Platforms designed Instagram and Facebook to addict children without proper regard for their safety.

Mr. Mosseri, the head of Instagram since 2018, is a central witness in the lawsuit by 29 U.S. states, in what experts call the biggest legal test yet of social media’s effects on young users.

Four of the states – California, Colorado, Kentucky and New Jersey – have accused Meta of designing the platforms to hook young users, fuelling anxiety, depression and even suicide, while misleading consumers about their safety.

All 29 states say Meta violated federal law by improperly collecting and using personal data of children under 13 while they used its platforms.

The states have indicated they could seek nearly US$200-billion in civil penalties.

Meta has rejected accusations it sought to addict children in pursuit of profit, and said its research showed no clear link between adolescents’ social-media use and a lack of well-being.

The trial in the Oakland, Calif., federal court is expected to continue through much of September.

Jurors are expected to issue an advisory verdict. U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers will decide whether Meta is liable and, if so, determine any civil penalties and changes to Facebook and Instagram.

Prior to Mr. Mosseri’s testimony, Instagram’s director of product design, Francesco Fogu, testified about a presentation on teenagers’ safety that his team prepared in 2023 for Instagram leadership.

Under questioning from Jason Slothouber, a lawyer for the state of Colorado, Mr. Fogu acknowledged the removal of data from a slide showing that teenage Instagram users saw 1.5 times more bullying, suicide, hate, nudity and violent content than adult users.

He also said Instagram knew that fewer people would use its “take a break” feature by not making it the default setting.

In February, Mr. Mosseri testified in a Los Angeles trial where a jury ordered Meta and Alphabet’s Google to pay US$6-million to a 20-year-old woman who said she became addicted to Instagram and YouTube as a child. Jurors found Meta and Google negligent in designing their platforms.

Mr. Mosseri disputed suggestions that Instagram did not care about children’s safety, and defended its design choices against accusations by company insiders that its features were harmful.

He said Instagram’s products and policies evolve, and “we try to focus on the most important issues.” Earlier this month, a New Mexico judge ordered Meta to pay US$567-million to address teenagers’ mental health after that state’s Attorney-General called its platforms a public nuisance. Tennessee is also suing Meta, raising similar claims about Instagram, in a case on trial in Nashville.

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Explosives: Nalagx expects to announce identity of new operating partner in two or three months

FROM B1

Mr. Gagnon said those features sold his team on the site, since making propellants and explosives – together known as “energetics” – and delivering the finished products to military and civil customers in North America and Europe will require an efficient sea and land transportation network nearby. “The province has made the land available to us on very favourable terms,” he said.

Mr. Gagnon was a Liberal MP for the Quebec riding of Bonaventure from 1993 to 1997 and is now managing partner of Parliamentary Group, a government relations and lobbying firm. He and his business partner, Jared Mintz, a New York private equity executive who is Nalagx’s chief financial officer, devised the idea in 2025 to build an energetics factory. Their analysis determined that they would find a ready market in many NATO countries, most of which face severe shortages of munitions such as the 155mm artillery shells used by Ukraine against Russia.

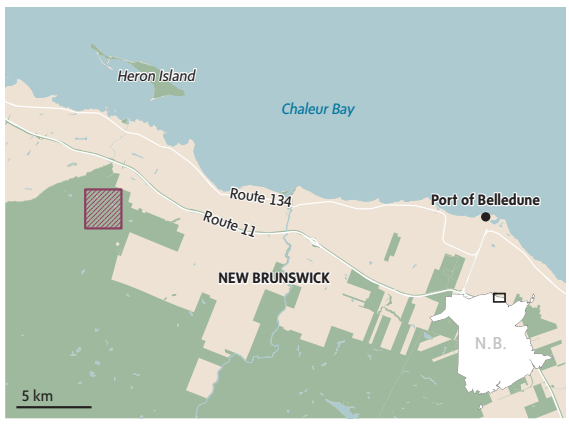
“Patrick and I have been working on cross-border projects for a decade,” Mr. Mintz said. “We believed in the energetics defence thesis even before Mark Carney’s emphasis on growth in defence and the Iran war.”

The key condition imposed by New Brunswick on the land-transfer deal is that Nalagx find a “credible operating partner” by the end of this year.

Last year, when Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Mintz announced their intentions to build an energetics factory – location then unknown – they held discussions with France’s state-controlled Eurenco, Europe’s top maker of military explosives and propellants. Nalagx and Eurenco signed a letter of intent to build a factory somewhere in Canada.

The two companies later decided they were not a good fit. “We realized that we needed an operator who knew, and was focused on, North America, preferably with a Canadian presence,” Mr. Mintz said. “We still have an excellent relationship with Eurenco and they may be a buyer of our products one day.”

NALAGX's proposed energetics manufacturing facility in northern New Brunswick



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Nalagx expects to announce the identity of a new operating partner in two or three months and start construction of the factory late next year, after the environmental review is finished and the engineering plans and project financing are firmed up. The first phase of the project, valued at about $600-million, will mostly make TNT explosives and its derivatives. It will have about 250 employees.

Later stages will add propellants and could take employment up to 1,000, Mr. Gagnon said.

Eventually the factory buildings will cover 144,000 square feet on the 650 acres that will be designated for industrial use. The rest of the land package will be buffer and safety zones, given the potential dangers of factories that make explosives. In 1917, during the First World War, Halifax was virtually levelled when a French cargo ship laden with high explosives collided with a Norwegian ship. The French ship caught fire, triggering a detonation that killed 1,963 people and injured 9,000.

Mr. Mintz said the New Brunswick factory will be financed by a combination of private equity and debt from commercial banks, with a possible package from Export Development Canada, the government-owned export credit agency. Nalagx is pursuing other incentives, including tax credits from the New Brunswick government and funding from various federal programs, among them the Canadian Defence Industry Resilience Program.

The private equity needed will come to US$200-million, Mr. Mintz said. “We have circled $100-million equity so far out of the total, so we need to raise up to $100-million more. Later phases will need additional equity.”

Canada does make finished ammunition. The biggest supplier is Quebec’s General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems-Canada Inc., which is owned by General Dynamics Corp. of Virginia. Its 1,200 employees make a broad range of ammunition, as well as shell casings and hand grenades, for the Canadian Armed Forces. Canada was once one of the world’s biggest makers of munitions. During the Second World War, it made about 1.9 million artillery shells a month.

International Monetary Fund official says world economy coping with energy shock

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The global economy has weathered the Iran war energy shock better than feared, International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said on Tuesday, but she raised concerns about deteriorating fiscal conditions in some countries shown by rising bond yields and a stalled disinflation process.

Ms. Georgieva told reporters in a briefing ahead of next week's Group of 20 finance leaders meeting in Asheville, N.C., that there was a "tug of war" between the negative Gulf energy supply shock and growth tailwinds from the artificial intelligence investment boom that was starting to spread beyond U.S. borders.

She said risks to the global outlook were more balanced than in April, but still tilted to the downside, due to mounting fiscal pressures and the potential that central banks will have to maintain tight monetary policy to control inflation.

Global growth is "resisting powerful headwinds from high debt levels, stubborn inflation, and trade tensions. Thus far, it has weathered the energy shock caused by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz better than we feared, thanks to a combination of factors," Ms. Georgieva said.

These factors include drawdowns of oil and gas reserves by many countries, increases in non-Gulf energy supplies, lower energy demand, increased renewable energy capacity and a return to coal power generation in some places.

Artificial intelligence investment in the U.S. is keeping corporate earnings and consumer spending strong, and other countries are ramping up data-centre construction and AI hardware supplies, she said.

Her overview of global economic conditions did not come with any new forecasts. The IMF in July lowered its 2026 global growth forecast to a sluggish 3.0 per cent, while warning of further downside risks from the Middle East war, trade fragmentation and potential AI uncertainty.

It will next update its global growth forecast in mid-October at IMF and World Bank annual meetings in Bangkok.

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> IMF MANAGING DIRECTOR

Ms. Georgieva warned against complacency by policy makers amid benchmark Brent crude oil prices that have been hovering in the US$80 to US$90 per barrel range since mid-June, well below their spring peaks above US$118.

"The energy shock is not over," Ms. Georgieva said. "A renewed rise in oil prices could fuel inflation, forcing central banks to retain a restrictive policy stance with knock-on implications on debt service costs and on economic activity."

She said that all countries need to tackle their fiscal problems and "formulate and present credible plans to ensure their debt and deficits are on a sustainable path."

She did not single out individual countries needing fiscal consolidation. But her comments follow last week's spike in U.S. Treasury 30-year bond yields to 19-year highs that prompted Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent to announce a surprise doubling of long bond buyback sizes in an effort to hold down borrowing costs.

The IMF has long called on Washington to reduce its growing fiscal deficits, which would also help shrink U.S. trade and current account deficits.

Ms. Georgieva said central banks must stay "laser-focused" on their price stability mandates amid continued inflation risks, despite expressing concern that tight monetary policy would cool growth.

She also said countries needed to address "excess global imbalances" that were causing trade tensions. She did not name specific countries, but Ms. Georgieva has long called on China to rebalance its growth model away from exports that have flooded global markets with cheap goods, towards one driven by internal consumer demand.

"A better balanced economy is a stronger global economy, and that is good for everyone," she said, adding this was harder to achieve in a fragmented world.

The IMF is refining its model for assessing external balances, she said, and will deepen its analysis of the drivers of these imbalances, including the interaction of macroeconomic trends, trade and industrial policy in a series of forthcoming papers.

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Alcohol: For some producers, the trade war has halted expansion plans in the U.S.

FROM B1

Lightning Rock Winery owner Ron Kubek sent 50 cases of wine produced at his operation in Summerland, B.C., to the U.S. before tariffs kicked in on Saturday and doesn't expect to send another any time soon. AARON HEMENS/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

Mr. Guignard said that when the tariffs were announced, many members tried to expedite their orders to the U.S. before they kicked in. Some Canadian wineries had their future orders cancelled by their U.S. partners, he said. "It's really frustrating because we're now just in an uncertain loop."

Lauren Skinner Buksevics, managing director of Painted Rock Estate Winery in Penticton, B.C., was contacted by her U.S. importer after the tariffs were announced in July, and told it would have to "hit pause" on any more orders. "She was very clear that a 50-per-cent tariff on Canadian wine does not allow for a profit margin on the other side." The U.S. accounts for about two per cent of exports for the winery.

For some producers, the trade war has halted plans for expansion south of the border.

Before it broke out last winter, Paul Speck, president of Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery located on the Niagara Peninsula, and his two brothers who own and operate their family business said they were looking to "aggressively build the business around the border states," but the trade uncertainty caused them to back off, and they ultimately decided they didn't want to waste their resources.

For David Farran, owner of Alberta-based Eau Claire Distillery, the uncertainty made it difficult for his company to invest and expand further in the U.S., including hiring people, and setting up delivery and distribution sites.

"We've been spending the last year in this fluctuating tariff-no-tariff environment so we're very much focused on ensuring that we have other markets."

Mr. Farran said less than 20 per cent of the distillery's exports now go to the U.S. But still, he said Eau Claire distributes in 17 U.S. states and the new 50-per-cent tariffs "will be devastating."

Canadian alcohol producers who spoke with The Globe and Mail said the priority should be reducing steep interprovincial trade barriers that make it difficult to list their products and sell in other provinces.

"We just need to, even within our own country, have the ability to trade across our own borders," Mr. Farran said.

But those may be easing. In July, a day after the Trump administration announced the Section 338 tariffs that just came into effect, nine Canadian premiers signed a deal to introduce direct-to-consumer alcohol sales, which will allow Canadian producers to sell their wine, beer and spirits directly to Canadian consumers outside of their home provinces.

British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador signed the deal while Quebec and Yukon have indicated their support for the initiative and are anticipated to sign at a later date.

"In light of what's happening in the U.S., I think it's really important for us as Canadians to start looking at ourselves as one market, a common market," Mr. Farran said.

Trade: Canadian bank stocks have outpaced stock market and U.S. lenders this year

FROM B1

Mr. White said the country offers a stable financial system, abundant resources, world-class talent and connections through "the world's most comprehensive set of free-trade agreements."

Scotiabank CEO Scott Thomson said the Canadian economy has "proven to be much more resilient than expected" since the U.S. first imposed new tariffs last year. He added Ottawa should accelerate its plans to stimulate the economy, remove interprovincial trade barriers and improve approval timelines.

The government could bolster the economy by "getting big things done and continuing to diversify trade while also continuing the great trade relationship we have with the U.S.," Mr. Thomson said during a conference call. "Of course, there's uncertainty, but it does feel like a manageable force to get through as a country."

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The bank tested its loan portfolios with the most exposure to trade disruption. Less than 1 per cent of its loan book has direct exposure to tariff impacts, and many of those clients are investment-grade borrowers.

Mr. Agrawal said he expects the bank's fourth-quarter provisions for credit losses – the funds banks set aside to cover loans that may default – to remain at the same level as those reserved this quarter.

Scotiabank CRO Shannon McGinnis said the impact of the tariffs will depend on the scope and duration. Clients directly affected account for less than 1 per cent of the lender's loan portfolio.

BMO and Scotiabank are the first of the Canadian banks to report earnings for the fiscal third quarter. National Bank will post earnings on Wednesday. Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto-Dominion Bank and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce will wrap up the week with earnings releases on Thursday.

Canadian bank stocks have soared this year, outpacing Canada's stock market and shares of U.S. lenders. Investors have been eager for third-quarter results to help assess whether bank stocks could continue to rise, or if their rich valuations have peaked.

BMO reported a lower third-quarter profit but beat analysts' estimates on stronger-than-expected performance across its businesses as the lender seeks to boost its profitability. The bank has been streamlining its operations and rejigging its balance sheet as part of its strategy to boost its profitability, particularly in its U.S. unit.

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BMO's net income fell 25 per cent from the same quarter last year to $1.75-billion or $2.38 per share in the three months that ended July 31. Adjusted to exclude certain items, the lender said profit rose 19 per cent to $2.86-billion or $3.96 per share, edging out the $3.75 analysts expected, according to data by Bloomberg.

Scotiabank posted a higher profit that topped analysts' expectations on a boost from capital markets and stronger performance across its businesses.

The bank's net income rose 17 per cent to $2.95-billion or $2.27 per share. Adjusted to exclude certain items, the bank said it earned $2.28 per share, topping the $2.10 analysts expected.

Canadian banks have been building their return on equity – an industry metric that measures profitability – while playing down the potential for larger takeovers to drive growth. With rich valuations in their share prices and a wave of consolidation expected among U.S. banks, some analysts are watching for renewed interest in acquisitions.

Mr. White said BMO's approach to its growth strategy has not changed even though the opportunities for acquisitions have improved. BMO set a goal to improve its return on equity – a closely watched measure of profitability – to 15 per cent by the end of 2027. In the third quarter, BMO posted an adjusted ROE of 14 per cent, up from 12 per cent in the same quarter last year.

"Might we engage in M&A in the U.S.? Only if it meets very strict conditions. We think about it in the category of furthering our strategies around regional density and regional scale," Mr. White said.

"We wouldn't look at anything that would delay our ROE promises from a timing perspective."

Scotiabank has made some investments in the U.S. in recent years. Late last year, the lender took an additional stake in Cleveland-based bank KeyCorp. In May, it struck a deal to acquire Texas-based commercial lender MapleMark Bank as part of its plan to expand its global banking and markets business in the U.S.

Mr. Thomson said he is focused on growing Scotiabank's businesses organically, but would consider some smaller, tuck-in deals in capital markets and wealth management.

"We could benefit from some U.S. capabilities that connect that whole footprint," Mr. Thomson said.

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Boycotting American investments is tricky

Dropping U.S. assets from an investment portfolio could have serious financial consequences

MEERA RAMAN

Canadians have spent more than a year pulling away from the United States in terms of travel, alcohol and other consumer purchases as a trade dispute sours the relationship between the two countries. But there's one place where it has proven much harder to boycott the U.S.: our investment portfolios.

When the trade war started in early 2025, there were signs Canadian investors were retreating from U.S. stocks. Canadian-listed U.S. equity ETFs attracted $7.8-billion in January, 2025, but then fell to $2.3-billion in February and $2-billion in March, according to Morningstar.

But even as the trade conflict intensified, Canadians added $61-billion in U.S. securities during the first half of 2025, according to Statistics Canada. As recently as June, 2026, U.S. equities remained one of the leading categories for Canadian ETF inflows.

With the trade war escalating again after negotiations collapsed late last week, financial planners say they don't expect Canadians to suddenly abandon American investments – and nor should they. Unlike swapping California wine for a bottle from Ontario, cutting the United States out of an investment portfolio can have consequences for diversification and, ultimately, for someone's nest egg.

"Consumer behaviour and investment behaviour are two different things," said Simon Wong, certified financial planner and head of financial planning at Blueprint Financial. While Canadians may decide to support domestic businesses with their everyday purchases, "an investment portfolio has a very different job."

It's meant to generate returns and manage risk, he said. "One of the biggest reasons why we haven't seen many Canadians pull away from U.S. investments is simply that the U.S. market provides exposure that's very difficult to replicate in Canada."

Investors who want to take a stand in the trade war face a challenge, given that the Canadian stock market is relatively small and concentrated. Financial and energy companies make up a significant portion of Canadian equities, while the U.S. market gives investors much greater exposure to sectors such as technology and consumer companies.

That creates an uncomfortable tension for Canadians who want their investments to reflect the same sentiment guiding their spending.

Jason Heath, managing director of Objective Financial Partners, understands why some investors may want to reduce their exposure to the United States because of their personal values. But completely avoiding the country could come at a cost.

"It could have a negative investment implication for a Canadian investor," he said.

The trade war, and the tariffs that come with it, can make that decision even more complicated. Mr. Wong describes the situation as something of a paradox.

Tariffs and prolonged trade uncertainty could hurt the Canadian economy and weaken the Canadian dollar. If an investor responds to that uncertainty by shifting significantly more of their portfolio out of the United States and into Canada, they may become even more exposed to the economy most directly affected by the dispute.

"Moving significantly more of your portfolio from the U.S. into Canada could actually increase your risk," he said.

That doesn't mean Canadians haven't shifted their investments, though. Canadians sold $9.9-billion in U.S. government bonds in June, making them net sellers in every month since January, according to Statistics Canada. At the same time, Canadian investors bought $12.82-billion worth of U.S. corporate bonds in June, the highest monthly total on record.

Global bond markets face concerns about inflation and the growing U.S. fiscal deficit, while American technology companies are borrowing heavily to finance data centres and other artificial-intelligence infrastructure.

For the average Canadian investor, financial planners say the big lesson from the renewed trade fight is not to let the latest political development dictate a long-term investment strategy.

Markets have already had more than a year to digest tariffs, threats and shifting negotiations between Canada and the United States. The political relationship could deteriorate further or look very different a year from now, Mr. Wong said. A retirement portfolio, meanwhile, may need to last for decades.

"There's no point in changing your portfolio based on more of a temporary political discourse," he added.

Are U.S. stocks and bonds in your sights?

DAVID BERMAN

OPINION

Before trade talks between Canada and the United States collapsed last week, I had been looking forward to reacquainting myself with Kentucky-made bourbon and making guilt-free trips to New York.

As a good citizen, I don't want either of these luxuries right now. But U.S. stocks and bonds? Bring them on.

Many investors like to align their investment portfolios with their beliefs. This approach underpinned the responsible investing movement years ago, which then morphed into ESG – the environmental, social and governance principles that attempted to separate the good guys from the bad guys.

But this separation was never simple, which is why ESG has lost a lot of its urgency in recent years.

Consider that some investors may have avoided fossil-fuel producers for environmental reasons. But these same stocks have more appeal today, given that stable energy supplies are deemed essential.

Electric-vehicle maker Tesla Inc. offers another example of why separating good from bad companies can be complicated. It looked like a good stock for environmentalists years ago. But it became a political hot-potato after the company's chief executive, Elon Musk, embraced MAGA.

A third example: Defence stocks may have been no-go investments for investors who didn't like the idea of profiting from war and aggression. They look considerably better today, as liberal democracies – including Canada and much of Western Europe – bulk up their defence spending.

Which brings us to the latest twist in the continuing trade dispute with the U.S., and what we can do as Canadians to defend our sovereignty – and align our portfolios with our beliefs.

Ditching U.S. stocks and bonds might look appealing on the surface. If the response triggered a broad market decline, U.S. President Donald Trump might even get the message.

But as a loyal citizen who regularly scours my family's consumption habits – I'm again looking at why we're buying U.S.-made food for our dachshund – I draw the line at my investment portfolio.

There are four reasons for this shoulder shrug.

1. It is difficult to avoid U.S. assets.
About half of my liquid assets are invested in an asset allocation exchange-traded fund – essentially a fund of funds that holds global stocks and bonds. More than 35 per cent of the fund's assets are U.S. stocks and bonds, which is only slightly lower than the 41-per-cent share allocated to Canadian assets.

Sure, I could sell the ETF. But then I'd be faced with reinvesting the proceeds in a diversified set of non-U.S. alternatives, which isn't easy. Worse, that would leave me with a lopsided portfolio that would be ignoring the world's biggest equity market.

Even if I succeeded in making this switcheroo, I would still be left with two pensions that – wild guess here – are going to be holding onto their U.S. assets indefinitely. So either way, I'm stuck with U.S. stocks and bonds.

2. A boycott won't affect U.S. markets.
I know this might sound defeatist, but c'mon. While boycotting U.S. products collectively will put a dent in sales and send a message, it is hard to imagine the same effect on financial markets. They're too big. U.S. stocks alone account for 72 per cent of the MSCI World Index, benchmark for 23 developed markets. Canada's weighting sits at just 3.4 per cent.

3. Are we willing to accept lower returns?
Say what you want about baffling U.S. trade policy, spiralling government debt and dysfunctional politics. But U.S. stocks rock: The S&P 500 has delivered an average annualized gain of 13.4 per cent over the past decade, not including dividends, according to S&P Global.

Canada's S&P/TSX 60 Index is no slouch, thanks to a two-year rally in financials and energy stocks. Even so, it has trailed the S&P 500 with a gain of 9 per cent over the same decade-long period, in U.S. dollar terms. That's a significant price to pay for a trade spat.

4. This too shall pass.
This may be my top reason for staying put in U.S. stocks and bonds: Who knows what happens next?

While many of us may be riled up right now, tensions could easily subside. U.S. midterm elections, the end of Mr. Trump's second term or rising U.S. inflation could usher in a more conciliatory tone in trade discussions.

If the United States and Canada become close friends again, you just might want to own U.S. stocks and bonds. For what it's worth, this final point is keeping our dog supplied with U.S.-made kibble, too – for now. But that's just me, a capitalist slug.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent sparked scrutiny of the sheer scale of U.S. budget deficits with an insufficient attempt to cap rising long-dated U.S. Treasury yields by increasing small bond buybacks.
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AI capital surge is at the centre of market unease

MIKE DOLAN LONDON

OPINION

Washington has a multi-trillion-dollar fiscal problem. U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent's answer, so far, is to look for loose change down the back of the sofa.

His tentative nod to fiscal tightening last week has done little to reassure markets facing the highest U.S. government borrowing costs in decades – not least because the deficit's structural drivers, from mandatory social spending to falling corporate-tax revenues and a planned defence-spending boost, remain untouched.

Now the AI investment boom – and its uncertain payoff – sits at the centre of both the short-term fiscal squeeze and market unease.

Perhaps inadvertently, Mr. Bessent sparked scrutiny of the sheer scale of U.S. budget deficits with an insufficient and slightly clumsy attempt to cap rising long-dated U.S. Treasury yields by increasing relatively small bond buybacks.

Defending the buyback as merely "signalling" to markets, Mr. Bessent said new fiscal moves were afoot to keep a lid on annual deficits running at about 6 per cent of GDP. They would focus on savings from fraud, waste and other government spending inefficiencies.

But few analysts believe tackling fraud and waste will make serious inroads into the budget shortfall, and the government efficiency and downsizing drive of 2025 also stalled.

Even the prospect of what Mr. Bessent called "peak deficit" for this administration convinced few. Falling corporate-tax revenues this year – partly because of booming business and the AI frenzy – and proposals for a near-50-per-cent rise in total defence spending through fiscal 2027 are helping keep the budget gap wide.

Yet high and rising mandatory spending on health and social-welfare programs is seen by most as the biggest structural issue over time.

At the margins, there's an annual interest bill on the US$40-trillion total debt pile of more than US$1-trillion, and uncertain and lumpy new revenues from President Donald Trump's tariff campaigns.

The bond market's anxiety runs deeper than anything Mr. Bessent is currently proposing.

The Congressional Budget Office conservatively projects debt held by the public will nearly double over the next 10 years, reaching US$56-trillion by 2036 – a rise of some 20 percentage points as a share of GDP. That trajectory collides with high servicing costs, a Federal Reserve chair intent on shrinking the central bank's bond holdings and no political appetite for spending cuts or tax increases.

"The prospect of fiscal consolidation seems unlikely to be realized," concluded Barclays economist Michael McLean, pointing out that even Mr. Trump's own plan last week was for a perplexing mix of faster growth bringing lower interest rates.

Like many economists, Mr. McLean dissected the basics of the U.S. budget, noting that almost 60 per cent of the US$7-trillion in annual government outlays is mandatory spending, mostly on Social Security and health care programs. Demographic and aging pressures have driven that spending 7 per cent higher in the current fiscal year. The remaining US$2-trillion in discretionary spending is split evenly between defence and everything else.

But the revenue side gets more interesting.

As Mr. Bessent himself pointed out last week, waves of factory and data-centre construction are being immediately expensed against corporate profits under Mr. Trump's 2025 tax cuts in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), contributing to a significant drop in corporate-tax revenues.

Tariff expenses are also being written off for tax purposes. Mr. McLean at Barclays points out that overall government revenue seems sound at near historical norms of about 17 per cent of GDP, and overall tax receipts are up 3 per cent in fiscal 2026.

But beneath that top line, corporate-tax revenues are down 23 per cent – mainly as a result of the OBBBA's allowance for immediate full expensing and bonus depreciation that has been lapped up by companies pumping hundreds of billions into the AI push.

Corporate tax rates have been falling for years, and these latest tax provisions are permanent. With the AI buildout in its early throes, corporate tax receipts may well remain depressed over the medium term as businesses continue to make large deductible capital investments.

"We are therefore skeptical that the U.S. has reached peak fiscal deficit. The administration may be able to report a smaller deficit. It is much less clear that it can change the underlying fiscal trajectory," Mr. McLean said.

The AI wave is hitting Treasury bonds from both angles: a short-term drain on federal tax revenues and competition for financing from massive long-dated bond issuance by hyperscaler firms building AI infrastructure. Though this is primarily coming from the U.S. and China, the global totals are starting to add up – and are extraordinary.

Morgan Stanley estimates that US$350-billion to US$400-billion in AI-related public investment-grade debt will be issued in 2026, with some US$1.4-trillion of new capex planned for 2027. Since the middle of this year alone, some US$92-billion has been financed across all debt markets.

If the AI boom is stoking inflation and Treasury is simultaneously trying to cap the long-term yields as they adjust to reflect it, the Fed faces a problem – even if it views the investment wave and its productivity promise as net positives. In that environment, Fed easing should be off the table.

But tensions between the Fed and Treasury may well build if the central bank's inflation target continues to prove elusive. And if Fed hawks win the day, Mr. Bessent's plans to cut servicing costs by shortening debt maturities may be derailed.

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Demand for leveraged ETFs may be cooling

Sixty-three funds shut in the U.S. in 2026 versus three in 2025, Morningstar says

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Red-hot demand for high-risk leveraged and inverse single-stock ETFs may be starting to cool.

The increasingly volatile bull market has fuelled investor interest in finding ways to double the hoped-for gains in the market's most popular and volatile stocks. As these speculative plays have multiplied – accounting for as much as half of all new launches in June alone – market analysts are questioning the trend's durability.

"The market for these is saturated and there's only so much money out there chasing this kind of product," said Morningstar analyst Daniel Sotiroff. "A few firms at the top end up commanding the lion's share of the money, and then there's a long tail of also-rans who are struggling to attract assets."

A rule of thumb in the ETF industry is that to survive and thrive, according to analysts like Mr. Sotiroff and Cerulli Associates, a new fund needs to attract between US$50-million and US$100-million in assets over the first year or two of its life. Below that threshold, it gets tougher for backers to cover their costs.

While mainstream ETFs, made up of baskets of stocks rather than exposure to a single one, continue to pull in assets and the leveraged market segment boasts behemoths like the US$3.9-billion GraniteShares 2x Long NVDA Daily ETF, these are the exception.

The size of the average leveraged ETF, each of which aims to deliver a multiple of the underlying stock's return in a single trading session, has tumbled from US$272.2-million at the end of 2024 to US$63.3-million currently, according to data from Morningstar Direct. Half have less than US$7-million.

Amrita Nandakumar, president of Vident, a firm that helps bring new ETFs to market, said she believes the market is at the end of its second wave of expansion, with each successive wave of launches "scraping the bottom of the barrel" as issuers target more speculative, smaller or untested stocks.

Filings like this, she said, have allowed asset managers to debut a record 244 leveraged ETFs by mid-August, compared with 229 launched in all of 2025.

"The first wave we saw a few years ago, and it involved creating leveraged ETFs tied to the names that you'd expect, big, widely watched and volatile companies" such as Nvidia , Tesla and Alphabet, Ms. Nandakumar said.

The second wave, which began last year, has been different. New products are tied to much smaller companies, with some new filings targeting high-profile companies that have yet to go public or even file for an IPO. Other filings offer investors double the daily upside, or the loss, of AI-themed ETFs launched only days previously.

"You don't necessarily see these products being listed on the biggest or most stable companies any longer," said Elisabeth Kashner, director of global funds research at FactSet.

Consolidation is already under way. So far in 2026, Morningstar said 63 leveraged single-stock funds have closed their doors in the U.S., compared with just three in 2025. Their ranks include products from Tradr ETFs tied to software firms MongoDB and Datadog, hard hit earlier this year by a big selloff amid fears that AI would wreak havoc on their business models.

"We are consistently evaluating our suite of funds to gauge investor demand," said Matt Markiewicz, head of product and capital markets at Tradr.

One closure highlighted the risks associated with leveraged products. GraniteShares liquidated a 2x-leveraged ETF tied to shares of Lucid Group after the electric vehicle manufacturer saw its shares plunge some 51 per cent in a single day on July 14. Such a move in an asset underpinning a 2x fund brings the latter's net asset value to zero.

"If a fund is below break even or shows no real signs of adoption by the market, we'll close it," said GraniteShares CEO Will Rhind.

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Stocks end higher as tech rebounds and TSX banks rally on earnings

Major North American stock indexes closed higher on Tuesday, as technology stocks recovered from a selloff ahead of AI heavyweight Nvidia's results, while investors found some relief in drops in oil prices and bond yields. The gains could ease investor concerns sparked by a recent bond market rout that lifted yields and pressured equities. They could also help set the tone for September, a historically weaker month for stocks.

Longer-dated Treasury yields fell on Tuesday as oil prices dropped to a one-week low and traders continued to weigh the implications of Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent's decision to expand Treasury buybacks.

"There's a lot of push and pull – in the bond market, geopolitics, oil," said Joe Quinlan, head of market strategy for Merrill and Bank of America Private Bank.

"But we're pretty constructive on the outlook [for the] next 12, 18 months on the U.S. economy; therefore, we are constructive on the markets as well."

Canadian stocks also got an extra boost by a rally in financial shares after Bank of Nova Scotia and Bank of Montreal kicked off the latest earnings season for the banks. Both beat profit expectations, but Scotiabank was the standout performer, rallying 7 per cent. In the first quarter ended Jan. 31, Scotiabank said it expects to hit its target of 14-per-cent return on equity in 2027, a year earlier than expected. The TSX financials sector overall rose 1.8 per cent and BMO rose 0.5 per cent.

Nvidia's results on Wednesday will be the next test for the earnings-driven rally on Wall Street. Any signs of slowing growth could reignite concerns about stretched valuations and how long the AI boom can sustain them.

"This is the classic problem of being the epicenter of the buildout – when you are the trade, execution stops being a catalyst and becomes a prerequisite," said Mark Malek, chief investment officer at Siebert Financial.

Markets have grown wary of cyclical spending and the methods hyperscalers are using to fund their AI buildouts.

The S&P 500 gained 0.32 per cent, while the Nasdaq Composite gained 0.66 per cent. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.30 per cent. The S&P/TSX Composite Index rose 0.66 per cent, closing at 36,957.63 and surpassing the record closing high it posted on August 13.

Most U.S. megacaps closed higher, including Nvidia, Meta and chipmaker Micron. The broader chips index recovered after a 2.7-per-cent fall on Monday.

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Are new tariffs a threat to copper stocks?

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WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

The price of copper is at or near historic highs and looks like it can continue to climb over the next 24 to 36 months. What are we seeing for valuations for Canadian copper stocks and are the new tariffs affecting these companies?

THE SCREEN

We used StockCalc's screener to select the top 10 TSX-listed copper stocks by market capitalization. We then used StockCalc's valuation models to calculate fundamental (or intrinsic) valuation for each stock to see if they are undervalued or overvalued compared with current price.

Overview of the techniques used:

- Discounted cash flow (DCF value) is a valuation technique in which cash-flow projections are discounted back to the present to calculate value per share;
- A price comparables (price comps) technique values the company on the basis of ratios from selected comparable companies;
- An adjusted book value (ABV) is calculated by multiplying book value per share by its 10-year average price-to-book ratio;
- If we have analyst coverage, we may include the consensus target price in our valuation.

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WHAT WE FOUND

Benchmark three-month LME copper was US$14,215/tonne as of Aug. 24, after briefly reaching record levels near US$14,900 during mid-August. That compares to levels around US$10,000 through much of the prior cycle. Copper is not currently in a global deficit, but there is broad agreement that supply and inventory levels in the LME are vulnerable especially given we have seen supply disruptions to mines in Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Chile in the last year. Today's spot price of US$14,215 is already close to what many analysts expected copper to reach in 2027.

The breakdown of U.S.-Canada trade talks does not appear to impose a new 50-per-cent tariff on Canadian copper ore, concentrate, anodes or cathodes. The original U.S. copper investigation that commenced in February of 2025 recommended that the Commerce Department review and report back on a 15-per-cent tariff on refined copper beginning Jan. 1, 2027, followed by a 30-per-cent tariff beginning Jan. 1, 2028. That resulted in a 50-per-cent copper tariff under U.S. Section 232 rules that apply to semi-finished and copper-intensive manufactured products including pipes, wires, rods, sheets, tubes, cables and electrical components. The White House specifically exempted copper ore, concentrates, mattes, cathodes, anodes and copper scrap from those Section 232 tariffs.

What is interesting for Canadian-listed copper companies is this 232 tariff, if imposed further, applies only to their products imported into the United States – a number of these companies with mines or developments in the United States (Trekor Metals, Hudbay, Ivanhoe Electric and Faraday) may actually benefit from a higher copper price while avoiding tariffs on their U.S.-based production.

Our weighted models are showing modest upside after the huge runs in these stocks over the last 52 weeks. Let's look at a few companies in this space:

Ivanhoe Mines Ltd. (IVN-T) is a diversified mining company focused on advancing its four principal projects in Southern Africa, including the Kamoa-Kakula Copper Complex, a large, high-grade, stratiform copper deposit; Platreef Project; the Kipushi Project; and and the Western Foreland Exploration Project. Following May, 2025, flooding, Kamoa-Kakula is again operational, but the high-grade Kakula mine remains in a multi-year recovery and redevelopment program. Production guidance has been revised down about 20 to 25 per cent or 100,000 tonnes for both 2026 and 2027. Our models show further upside to Ivanhoe Mines.

Capstone Copper Corp. (CS-T) is a company that mines, explores and develops mineral properties in the Americas. Specifically, the group has operating mines in the U.S., Mexico and Canada, and development projects in Chile and Canada. The company's main focus is copper, but the company also produces zinc, lead, molybdenum, silver and gold. The Chilean cathode exports to the U.S. could be exposed under an expanded tariff program. Our models show further upside for Capstone Copper.

You can see in the accompanying table the percentage difference between each stocks recent closing price and its intrinsic value. The "StockCalc Valuation" column is a weighted calculation derived from the models and analyst target data if used.

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How copper stocks stack up

NAME	TICKER	MARKET CAP. ($ MIL)	RECENT CLOSE ($)	STOCKCALC VAL ($)	DIFF. (%)	DCF VALUE($)	PRICE COMPS($)	ABV ($)	ANALYST TARGET ($)	1 YR. RETURN (%)	DIV. YIELD (%)
First Quantum Minerals	FM-T	39631.5	47.51	46.11	-2.9%	43.88	23.21	21.55	47.91	111.2	0
Lundin Mining	LUN-T	32418.7	38.07	39.00	2.4%	36.39	19.88	13.60	41.18	149.8	0
Hudbay Minerals	HBM-T	18372.4	41.35	42.30	2.3%	17.26	24.59	13.28	42.30	163.9	0.1
Ivanhoe Mines	IVN-T	17645.2	12.37	14.13	14.2%	19.36	7.70	11.74	14.31	10.9	0
Capstone Copper	CS-T	12288.6	16.08	17.52	9.0%	43.99	9.92	6.47	17.19	72.9	0
Ero Copper	ERO-T	5651.1	54.18	53.52	-1.2%	57.18	44.36	27.42	50.41	178.0	0
Trekor Metals Limited	TKO-T	4632.2	12.64	14.21	12.4%	6.75	4.98	2.58	14.21	194.0	0
Ivanhoe Electric	IE-T	2526.9	15.78	16.52	4.7%	-3.31	9.63	14.07	31.50	26.9	0
Imperial Metals	III-T	1670.5	9.40	10.88	15.7%	13.78	16.93	3.21	9.25	100.9	0
Faraday Copper	FDY-T	1619.2	5.76	6.00	4.2%	0.14	0.00	0.56	7.25	357.1	0

Source:stockcalc.com

EYE ON EQUITIES **DAVID LEEDER**

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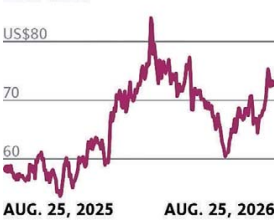

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NUTRIEN (NTR-NYSE)
CLOSE US$72.84, DOWN US$1.45

Citing valuation concerns following recent share price appreciation, National Bank Financial analyst Ahmed Abdullah downgraded **Nutrien Ltd.** to "sector perform" from "outperform" previously. "We are moving NTR to Sector Perform following a 14-per-cent increase in the share price since our July 12 initiation," he said.

Target: His target for Nutrien's U.S.-listed shares rose to US$77 from US$74. The consensus on the Street is currently US$76.21.

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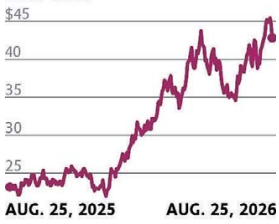

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CENOVUS ENERGY (CVE-TSX)
CLOSE $42.80, UP $1.77

National Bank Financial analyst Travis Wood sees **Cenovus Energy Inc.** entering the second half of 2026 with "accelerating upstream momentum from key oil sands assets, and downstream tailwinds from record crack spreads." However, he emphasized its stock "continues to trade at a discount to the peers, providing what we think is an attractive window."

Target: Mr. Wood reaffirmed an "outperform" rating and $60 target. Consensus is $49.74.

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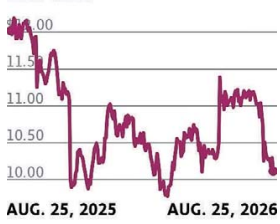

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H&R REIT (HR.UN-TSX)
CLOSE $10.11, DOWN 18¢

TD Cowen analyst Sam Damiani thinks **H&R REIT's** $3.4-billion takeover bid from **GO REIT** "remains underwhelming" following further disclosures and analysis. "Last week's decline in consensus estimates for GO REIT make it harder to see incremental value from the proposed transaction," he said.

Target: Mr. Damiani trimmed his H&R target further to $11 from $11.50, keeping a "buy" rating. Consensus is $11.60.

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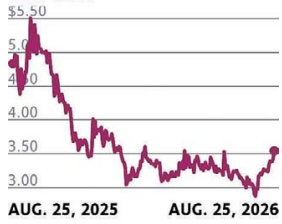

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HIGH TIDE (HITI-TSXVENTURE)
CLOSE $3.54, UP 12¢

TD Cowen analyst Derek Lessard sees "meaningful incremental value" in shares of **High Tide Inc.** "HITI continues to execute well, in our view; Q3 guidance topped consensus, positive Jun./Jul. SSSG [same-store sales growth] validates Cabana Club, and Remexian's 60-per-cent year-over-year volume growth - plus a path to 15-per-cent margins – supports international share gains," he said.

Target: Mr. Lessard kept a "buy" rating and $6.50 target. Consensus is $7.55.

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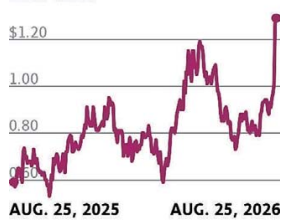

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RADISSON (RDS-TSXVENTURE)
CLOSE $1.29, UP 2¢

ATB Cormark analyst Richard Gray thinks **Radisson Mining Resources Inc.** is poised to benefit from a $57.2-million investment by **Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.** "Not only is it a significant validation of the project by one of the world's largest and most respected gold companies, but it provides the capital to access the underground mineralization at O'Brien that will assist in further de-risking the project," he said.

Target: His target rose $2.45 from $2.25 with an "outperform" rating. Consensus is $2.12.

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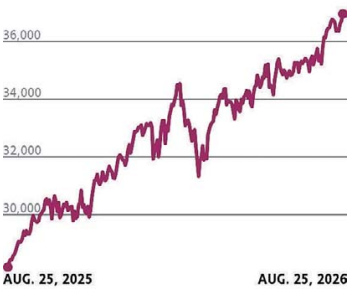

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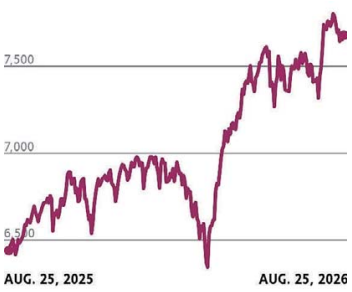

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PAST 12 MONTHS

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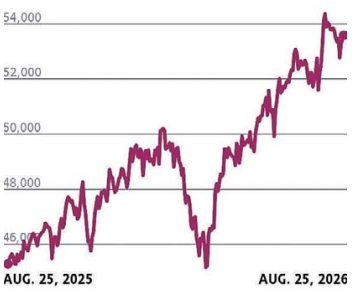

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PAST 12 MONTHS

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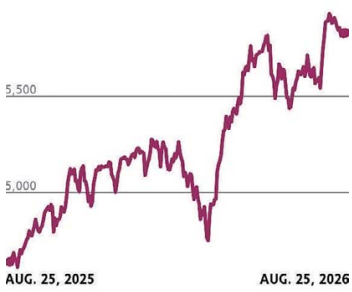


TSX INDEXES AND SUB INDEXES

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
TSX COMPOSITE IND	36957.63	243.51	0.66	242393	16.54
TSX 60 INDEX	2166.48	16.18	0.75	122002	16.48
TSX COMPLETION IN	2428.58	7.56	0.31	120390	16.78
TSX SMALLCAP INDE	1471.65	4.33	0.30	77227	22.99
TSX VENTURE COMPO	1010.93	17.00	1.71	54285	2.35
TSX CONSUMER DISC	404.15	-6.30	-1.53	5227	5.63
TSX CONSUMER STAP	1259.43	-7.66	-0.60	4583	1.72
TSX ENERGY CAPPED	435.99	-11.57	-2.59	52467	45.13
TSX FINANCIALS CA	752.56	13.25	1.79	37441	19.93
TSX HEALTH CARE C	23.50	0.18	0.77	2450	7.31
TSX INDUSTRIALS C	506.75	-4.45	-0.87	15195	8.51
TSX INFORMATION T	321.64	3.94	1.24	6961	-1.52
TSX MATERIALS CAP	945.12	14.31	1.54	66066	26.07
TSX REAL ESTATE C	313.96	-2.69	-0.85	5700	-0.76
TSX GLOBAL GOLD I	1043.68	20.31	1.98	135946	27.68
TSX GLOBAL MINING	279.63	5.80	2.12	341628	33.33
TSX INCOME TRUST	240.08	-0.19	-0.08	6820	9.01
TSX PREFERRED SHA	715.80	0.57	0.08	979	2.81
TSX COMMUNICATION	150.82	-0.44	-0.29	11726	-3.85
TSX UTILITIES CAP	388.02	0.35	0.09	12523	10.14

TSX VOLUME
TOP 20 FOR STOCKS $1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
CNQ CDN NATURAL R	68.68	-1.59	-2.26	12707	47.73
CVE CENOVUS ENERG	42.80	-1.77	-3.97	12042	84.32
ENB ENBRIDGE INC	68.83	-0.53	-0.76	8392	4.80
BNS BANK OF NOVA	128.73	8.44	7.02	7733	27.17
BTO B2GOLD CORP.	8.12	0.19	2.40	6328	31.39
XIU ISHARES SP TS	54.90	0.43	0.79	5566	16.83
T TELUS CORPORATI	13.56	-0.02	-0.15	5386	-25.04
EQX EQUINOX GOLD	19.33	0.26	1.36	5178	0.21
WCP WHITECAP RESO	17.51	-0.52	-2.88	5112	52.26
DML DENISON MINES	5.13	0.24	4.91	4867	40.93
CS CAPSTONE COPPE	16.54	-0.08	-0.48	4537	20.03
TD TORONTO-DOMINI	164.75	3.33	2.06	4390	27.36
SU SUNCOR ENERGY	90.49	-2.81	-3.01	4127	48.54
BTE BAYTEX ENERGY	6.37	-0.17	-2.60	3911	43.47
K KINROSS GOLD CO	46.18	0.57	1.25	3851	19.45
BN BROOKFIELD COR	58.21	0.12	0.21	3805	-7.63
KEEL KEEL INFRAST	4.85	0.34	7.54	3735	61.67
TA TRANSALTA CORP	16.93	0.15	0.89	3449	-2.48
IVN IVANHOE MINES	12.48	0.33	2.72	3327	-20.05
MFC MANULIFE FIN	59.71	0.37	0.62	3312	19.80

TSX 52-WEEK HIGHS
STOCKS $1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
ALZ ALLIANZ CDR (	33.87	0.92	2.79		15.36
ALS ALTIUS MINERA	67.33	2.18	3.35	158	64.86
ARG AMERIGO RESOU	8.69	0.47	5.72	918	91.41
AMGN AMGEN CDR (C	32.77	0.11	0.34	4	31.92
BNS BANK OF NOVA	128.73	8.44	7.02	7733	27.17
BN-PR-K BROOKFIEL	14.39	0.05	0.35	3	11.90
BPO-PR-A BROOKFIE	22.68	0.08	0.35	6	19.75
BPO-PR-P BROOKFIE	21.75	0.18	0.83	4	27.79
BPO-PR-Y BROOKFIE	12.80	0.05	0.39		15.32
CM-PR-S CIBC PREF	26.23	0.24	0.92	14	1.08
CF-PR-A CANACCORD	25.18	0.00	0.00	70	17.50
CF-PR-C CANACCORD	25.40	0.00	0.00		2.88
CG CENTERRA GOLD	33.45	0.92	2.83	790	69.28
CRWN-NT CROWN CAP	75.00	5.00	7.14	3	260.92
DSV DISCOVERY MIN	12.66	0.23	1.85	1690	51.07
DC-A DUNDEE CORP.	5.45	0.30	5.83	401	43.42
ERO ERO COPPER CO	55.85	2.43	4.55	273	43.83
FCXS FREEPORT-MCM	27.01	0.74	2.82	11	30.61
GDV-PR-A GLOBAL D	10.82	-0.01	-0.09	2	2.66
HMMC HEMLO MINING	8.34	0.28	3.47	483	61.00
JFS-UN JFT STRATE	28.77	0.12	0.42	4	10.91
KEL KELT EXPLORAT	10.37	-0.13	-1.24	609	35.20
LB-PR-H LAURENTIA	25.67	0.47	1.87	15	3.97
MRK MERCK CDR (CA	34.86	1.20	3.57	13	46.78
NA-PR-S NATIONAL	26.45	0.48	1.85	18	1.26
NUAG NEW PACIFIC	9.78	0.38	4.04	286	103.75
RIC RICHARDS GROU	32.99	0.33	1.01	10	6.83
SXGC SOUTHERN CRO	12.98	0.79	6.48	486	22.57
SSRM SSR MINING I	54.15	0.68	1.27	362	79.96
SLF-PR-K SUN LIFE	25.27	0.03	0.12	11	7.53
SWP SWISS WATER D	7.61	0.40	5.55	17	72.56
TRP-PR-F TC ENERG	22.17	0.02	0.09		12.25
TD-PF-A TD BANK P	26.22	0.42	1.63	13	1.47
TECK-A TECK RESOU	98.70	1.46	1.50	4	50.07
TECK-B TECK RESOU	98.98	1.72	1.77	1035	50.63
TOT TOTAL ENERGY	30.46	-0.35	-1.14	145	104.43
TCCA TRADING CENT	23.00	0.06	0.26		14.43
TKO TREKOR METALS	13.16	0.23	1.78	866	69.37
VISA VISA CDR (CA	34.97	0.08	0.23	27	7.67
WDO WESDOME GOLD	36.00	0.16	0.45	404	58.31

TSX GAINERS
TOP 20 FOR STOCKS $1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
CMCX CI GALAXY MU	8.20	1.59	24.05		0.74
SOLL-U PURPOSE SO	7.57	1.17	18.28		-23.07
AVL AVALON ADVANC	9.43	1.42	17.73	155	4.78
RBNU SAVVYLONG 2X	38.06	5.33	16.28	25	50.43
WILD WILDBRAIN LT	1.63	0.16	10.88	142	-7.91
AMDU SAVVYLONG 2X	16.30	1.51	10.21	11	-24.54
CCOU SAVVYLONG 2X	22.95	2.06	9.86	6	7.85
SMCI SUPERMICRO C	12.41	1.04	9.15	431	29.00
HOD BETAPRO CRUDE	24.87	2.01	8.79	851	-82.82
OILD SAVVYSHORT G	2.24	0.18	8.74	28	-86.60
BNKU MEGALONG 3X	88.84	7.03	8.59	11	97.42
COIU SAVVYLONG 2X	5.61	0.44	8.51	6	-56.98
HODY HARVEST ROBI	7.39	0.57	8.36	15	-27.76
IE IVANHOE ELECTR	16.86	1.28	8.22	28	-23.19
HOOD ROBINHOOD CD	18.34	1.39	8.20	232	-2.60
KEEL KEEL INFRAST	4.85	0.34	7.54	3735	61.67
HUT HUT 8 CORP	118.25	8.05	7.30	364	87.34
CRWN-NT CROWN CAP	75.00	5.00	7.14	3	260.92
EFR ENERGY FUELS	22.09	1.47	7.13	1272	11.12
FTG FIRAN TECHNOL	20.09	1.33	7.09	140	73.94

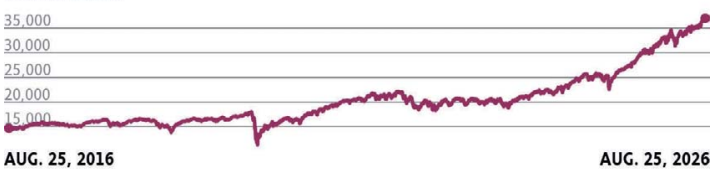
TSX LOSERS
TOP 20 FOR STOCKS $1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
GFR-RT-A GREENFIR	1.63	-0.25	-13.30	503	-6.86
OILU SAVVYLONG GE	42.05	-4.27	-9.22	27	160.37
HOU BETAPRO CRUDE	19.23	-1.80	-8.56	967	119.27
MSTZ SAVVYSHORT -	4.09	-0.32	-7.26	165	-81.10
SLT SALTIRE CAPIT	2.51	-0.17	-6.34	8	-63.09
FHQ FIRST TRUST A	138.42	-8.60	-5.85		25.84
SHPD SAVVYSHORT -	6.21	-0.38	-5.77	4	-48.97
NRGU BETAPRO SP T	64.94	-3.80	-5.53	74	98.96
CGMD MEGASHORT -3	3.83	-0.22	-5.43	42	-81.50
DII-A DOREL INDUS	1.54	-0.08	-4.94	2	-14.44
KEI KOLIBRI GLOBA	7.90	-0.40	-4.82	10	46.03
OBE OBSIDIAN ENER	15.23	-0.76	-4.75	209	80.88
SUHE HARVEST SUNC	18.97	-0.89	-4.48	3	41.25
TCL-B TRANSCONTIN	6.90	-0.32	-4.43		-70.64
ESI ENSIGN ENERGY	3.41	-0.15	-4.21	146	34.25
IMO IMPERIAL OIL	181.84	-7.97	-4.20	743	53.35
SOXD MEGASHORT -3	1.61	-0.07	-4.17	209	-92.17
NVDD SAVVYSHORT -	10.56	-0.45	-4.09	18	-40.14
PLTU SAVVYLONG 2X	30.24	-1.27	-4.03		27.17
RBY RUBELLITE ENE	4.30	-0.18	-4.02	72	79.17

TSX 52-WEEK LOWS
STOCKS $1 OR MORE

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
ABXX ABAXX TECHNO	21.15	0.01	0.05	84	-58.53
FAP ABRDN ASIA PA	2.61	-0.02	-0.76	5	-8.42
BYD BOYD GROUP SE	118.11	-2.14	-1.78	189	-45.98
GLRA-PR-A GLOBAL	19.75	-0.50	-2.47	2	-15.85
GO-U GO RESIDENTI	8.22	-0.20	-2.38	236	-29.86
GFR-RT-A GREENFIR	1.63	-0.25	-13.30	503	-6.86
CGMD MEGASHORT -3	3.83	-0.22	-5.43	42	-81.50
OLY OLYMPIA FINAN	101.07	-1.33	-1.30	5	-10.00
PBH PREMIUM BRAND	79.58	-0.30	-0.38	229	-21.76
SLT SALTIRE CAPIT	2.51	-0.17	-6.34	8	-63.09
COID SAVVYSHORT -	4.50	-0.05	-1.10		-70.51
SJ STELLA JONES I	69.04	-0.96	-1.37	136	-18.90

S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX
PAST 10 YEARS



S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX STOCKS
LARGEST STOCKS BY MARKET CAPITALIZATION

	CLOSE	NET CHG	% CHG	VOL 000s	YTD %CHG
VNP 5N PLUS INC.	26.26	0.12	0.46	466	48.19
ABRA ABRASILVER R	16.16	0.36	2.28	517	51.31
AAV ADVANTAGE ENE	10.95	-0.17	-1.53	472	-6.73
ARE AECON GROUP I	42.96	-1.15	-2.61	254	37.34
AEM AGNICO EAGLE	309.98	8.81	2.93	1027	33.18
AC AIR CANADA	28.68	-0.32	-1.10	1508	48.68
AGI ALAMOS GOLD I	53.94	0.81	1.52	1054	1.77
AQN ALGONQUIN POW	7.91	0.05	0.64	2159	-6.28
ATD ALIMENTATION	85.19	-0.80	-0.93	1154	13.65
AAUC ALLIED GOLD	32.88	0.58	1.80	444	4.55
AP-UN ALLIED PROP	9.12	-0.05	-0.55	511	-31.79
ALA ALTAGAS LTD.	52.58	-0.27	-0.51	522	25.64
ALS ALTIUS MINERA	67.33	2.18	3.35	158	64.86
AIF ALTUS GROUP L	47.75	-0.14	-0.29	81	-15.80
USA AMERICAS GOLD	7.75	0.30	4.03	1664	10.09
ARX ARC RESOURCES	33.55	-0.26	-0.77	989	30.29
ARIS ARIS MINING	29.25	0.45	1.56	561	31.40
ATZ ARITZIA INC	130.93	-3.36	-2.50	418	11.57
ACO-X ATCO LTD. C	75.26	-0.17	-0.23	161	33.49
ATH ATHABASCA OIL	10.46	-0.32	-2.97	1389	48.79
ATRL ATKINSREALIS	84.16	-0.39	-0.46	397	-5.01
ATS ATS CORPORATI	27.25	0.54	2.02	452	-27.93
ASM AVINO SILVER	10.34	0.15	1.47	378	21.08
AYA AYA GOLD AND	38.19	1.41	3.83	1170	94.45
BTO B2GOLD CORP.	8.12	0.19	2.40	6328	31.39
BCE BCE INC.	32.59	-0.39	-1.18	2711	-0.46
BDGI BADGER INFRA	83.00	-0.67	-0.80	85	13.50
BMO BANK OF MONTR	239.94	1.31	0.55	3059	34.61
BNS BANK OF NOVA	128.73	8.44	7.02	7733	27.17
ABX BARRICK MININ	67.58	0.95	1.43	3208	13.03
BHC BAUSCH HEALTH	9.31	0.08	0.87	935	-2.31
BTE BAYTEX ENERGY	6.37	-0.17	-2.60	3911	43.47
BIR BIRCHCLIFF EN	6.32	-0.06	-0.94	972	-15.39
BDT BIRD CONSTRUC	65.87	-2.70	-3.94	349	130.96
BB BLACKBERRY LIM	10.79	0.17	1.60	1528	108.30
BEI-UN BOARDWALK	64.90	-0.60	-0.92	97	0.65
BBD-B BOMBARDIER	315.65	-6.05	-1.88	488	35.18
BYD BOYD GROUP SE	118.11	-2.14	-1.78	189	-45.98
BAM BROOKFIELD AS	72.61	0.19	0.26	3268	0.99
BBUC BROOKFIELD B	39.10	0.00	0.00	89	-20.29
BN BROOKFIELD COR	58.21	0.12	0.21	3805	-7.63
BIP-UN BROOKFIELD	53.82	0.42	0.79	458	12.81
BEP-UN BROOKFIELD	45.25	0.45	1.00	428	22.00
DOO BRP INC	85.09	-3.16	-3.58	203	-12.32
CAR-UN CDN APARTM	33.86	-0.48	-1.40	303	-8.16
CNQ CDN NATURAL R	68.68	-1.59	-2.26	12707	47.73
GIB-A CGI INC	102.91	-0.58	-0.56	377	-18.83
CRT-UN CT REAL ES	17.77	-0.15	-0.84	200	9.22
CAE CAE INC	34.61	0.33	0.96	1300	-17.08
CCO CAMECO CORP	147.82	6.22	4.39	954	17.62
CM CANADIAN IMPER	163.72	4.46	2.80	2418	31.58
CNR CANADIAN NATI	175.77	-0.77	-0.44	1559	29.48
CP CANADIAN PACIF	130.53	-0.53	-0.40	1242	29.17
CTC-A CANADIAN TI	189.99	-4.31	-2.22	242	9.23
CU CANADIAN UTILI	52.36	-0.03	-0.06	237	22.54
CPX CAPITAL POWER	65.29	0.09	0.14	487	11.51
CS CAPSTONE COPPE	16.54	-0.08	-0.48	4537	20.03
CJT CARGOJET INC.	85.89	1.03	1.21	103	2.32
CCL-B CCL INDUSTR	93.35	-1.82	-1.91	450	7.67
CLS CELESTICA INC	423.57	16.21	3.98	390	4.33
CVE CENOVUS ENERG	42.80	-1.77	-3.97	12042	84.32
CG CENTERRA GOLD	33.45	0.92	2.83	790	69.28
CEU CES ENERGY SO	18.35	-0.33	-1.77	265	49.55
CSH-UN CHARTWELL	21.02	-0.04	-0.19	549	4.58
CHP-UN CHOICE PRO	15.55	-0.03	-0.19	431	5.00
CCA COGECO COMMUN	61.08	0.36	0.59	140	-8.11
CIGI COLLIERS INT	145.67	-3.61	-2.42	77	-27.79
CSU CONSTELLATION	3078.66	-20.01	-0.65	46	-6.75
CRR-UN CROMBIE RE	16.55	-0.02	-0.12	188	8.38
CURA CURALEAF HOL	13.57	0.12	0.89	183	32.65
DFY DEFINITY FINA	73.60	-0.43	-0.58	144	-3.07
DML DENISON MINES	5.13	0.24	4.91	4867	40.93
DSG DESCARTES SYS	107.32	-1.46	-1.34	339	-10.87
DSV DISCOVERY MIN	12.66	0.23	1.85	1690	51.07
DOL DOLLARAMA INC	183.45	-3.82	-2.04	688	-10.57
DPM DPM METALS IN	69.74	-0.05	-0.07	883	64.40
DIR-UN DREAM INDU	13.89	-0.13	-0.93	768	10.41
EQB EQB INC	134.60	1.08	0.81	92	29.56
ELD ELDORADO GOLD	66.50	2.25	3.50	902	34.81
EFN ELEMENT FLEET	27.52	0.24	0.88	824	-23.66
EMA EMERA INCORPO	69.83	0.03	0.04	565	3.24
EMP-A EMPIRE COMP	48.16	-0.13	-0.27	499	0.92
ENB ENBRIDGE INC	68.83	-0.53	-0.76	8392	4.80
EDR ENDEAVOUR SIL	15.33	0.41	2.75	865	18.75
EFX ENERFLEX LTD	27.31	0.02	0.07	686	29.06
EFR ENERGY FUELS	22.09	1.47	7.13	1272	11.12
EQX EQUINOX GOLD	19.33	0.26	1.36	5178	0.21
ERO ERO COPPER CO	55.85	2.43	4.55	273	43.83
EIF EXCHANGE INCO	123.06	-2.94	-2.33	101	50.15
EXE EXTENDICARE I	31.70	0.94	3.06	433	48.48
FFH FAIRFAX FINAN	2279.87	7.78	0.34	35	-12.85
FTT FINNING INTL	90.12	-0.48	-0.53	442	21.18
FCR-UN FIRST CAPI	22.78	-0.01	-0.04	226	20.53
AG FIRST MAJESTIC	29.35	0.47	1.63	1285	28.17
FM FIRST QUANTUM	48.69	1.05	2.20	1767	32.31
FSV FIRSTSERVICE	198.94	-0.84	-0.42	157	-6.80
FTS FORTIS INC	76.17	-0.36	-0.47	1494	6.74
FVI FORTUNA MININ	17.20	0.30	1.78	581	27.88
FNV FRANCO-NEVADA	375.33	1.32	0.35	285	31.92
FRU FREEHOLD ROYA	17.53	-0.18	-1.02	215	15.40
GMIN G MINING VEN	56.33	1.01	1.83	864	35.77
GFL GFL ENVIRONME	56.34	-1.10	-1.92	729	-4.44
GEI GIBSON ENERGY	30.97	-0.06	-0.19	582	23.29
GIL GILDAN ACTIVE	75.50	-0.50	-0.66	912	-11.99
GRT-UN GRANITE RE	89.70	-0.98	-1.08	67	9.78
GWO GREAT-WEST LI	89.22	0.06	0.07	884	31.81
HPS-A HAMMOND POW	235.87	4.42	1.91	88	47.90
HWX HEADWATER EXP	14.00	-0.19	-1.34	638	49.41
HR-UN HR REAL EST	10.11	-0.18	-1.75	1037	-1.17
HBM HUDBAY MINERA	42.55	1.53	3.73	1465	56.15
H HYDRO ONE LIMIT	53.47	0.07	0.13	789	-2.14
IAU I 80 GOLD COR	2.66	0.00	0.00	1062	31.68
IAG IA FINANCIAL	199.12	2.59	1.32	387	11.97
IMG IAMGOLD CORP	30.61	0.39	1.29	2575	35.14
IGM IGM FINANCIAL	88.82	1.25	1.43	303	43.70
IMO IMPERIAL OIL	181.84	-7.97	-4.20	743	53.35
IFC INTACT FINANC	268.15	2.31	0.87	1058	-6.15
IPCO INTERNATIONA	34.79	-0.43	-1.22	150	40.11
IVN IVANHOE MINES	12.48	0.33	2.72	3327	-20.05
JWEL JAMIESON WEL	45.68	0.05	0.11	168	35.75
KNT K92 MINING IN	30.93	0.18	0.59	646	36.32
KEL KELT EXPLORAT	10.37	-0.13	-1.24	609	35.20
KEY KEYERA CORP	59.06	-1.02	-1.70	798	34.23
KMP-UN KILLAM APA	18.66	-0.24	-1.27	211	13.78
KXS KINAXIS INC	175.51	-4.68	-2.60	93	1.40
K KINROSS GOLD CO	46.18	0.57	1.25	3851	19.45
LIF LABRADOR IRON	27.30	0.24	0.89	157	-8.60
LB LAURENTIAN BAN	40.32	-0.02	-0.05	180	0.05
LSPD LIGHTSPEED C	14.74	0.10	0.68	601	-10.99
LNR LINAMAR CORP	98.28	-1.34	-1.35	172	18.47
LAC LITHIUM AMERI	4.49	0.17	3.94	786	-24.79
L LOBLAW CO	61.25	-0.31	-0.50	995	-1.29
LUG LUNDIN GOLD I	107.00	2.22	2.12	687	-6.16
LUN LUNDIN MINING	38.50	0.40	1.05	1738	30.51
MG MAGNA INTERNAT	91.31	-2.54	-2.71	1476	24.79
MFC MANULIFE FIN	59.71	0.37	0.62	3312	19.80
MFI MAPLE LEAF FO	26.90	0.02	0.07	189	7.90
MDA MDA SPACE LTD	40.73	-0.45	-1.09	1365	52.89
MX METHANEX CORP	79.05	-2.76	-3.37	105	45.21
MRU METRO INC	89.96	-0.25	-0.28	502	-8.94
MAU MONTAGE GOLD	20.75	-0.10	-0.48	532	110.02
MTL MULLEN GROUP	25.16	-0.45	-1.76	250	59.85
NA NATIONAL BANK	222.53	5.47	2.52	1704	28.92
NXE NEXGEN ENERGY	15.49	0.36	2.38	1200	22.64
NFI NFI GROUP INC	22.24	-0.05	-0.22	243	43.30
NGEX NGEX MINERAL	30.24	1.17	4.02	296	18.12
NPI NORTHLAND POW	21.15	0.04	0.19	980	18.49
NG NOVAGOLD RES I	13.49	0.54	4.17	950	5.39
NTR NUTRIEN LTD	100.68	-2.19	-2.13	1110	18.84
OR OR ROYALTIES I	53.78	1.86	3.58	497	10.61
OGC OCEANAGOLD CO	43.30	0.08	0.19	972	11.31
ONEX ONEX CORPORA	116.68	1.40	1.21	121	3.29
OTEX OPEN TEXT CO	33.68	-0.35	-1.03	1420	-24.65
PAAS PAN AMERICAN	74.86	0.71	0.96	700	5.20
POU PARAMOUNT RES	31.49	-0.86	-2.66	192	30.18
PXT PAREX RESOURC	27.22	-0.28	-1.02	744	47.53
PPL PEMBINA PIPEL	66.57	-0.93	-1.38	2414	27.31
PPTA PERPETUA RES	37.29	1.35	3.76	106	12.22
PEY PEYTO EXPLORA	24.64	-0.41	-1.64	541	8.50
POW POWER CORPORA	91.65	-0.05	-0.05	1065	25.63
PSK PRAIRIESKY RO	36.05	-0.21	-0.58	441	33.37
PBH PREMIUM BRAND	79.58	-0.30	-0.38	229	-21.76
PMZ-UN PRIMARIS R	21.76	-0.07	-0.32	469	39.58
QBR-B QUEBECOR IN	62.27	-0.33	-0.53	2485	20.44
RBA RB GLOBAL INC	117.60	1.38	1.19	490	-16.78
QSR RESTAURANT BR	112.88	0.02	0.02	1112	20.52
RCH RICHELIEU HAR	35.49	0.11	0.31	96	-10.29
REI-UN RIOCAN REA	21.33	-0.11	-0.51	606	14.06
RCI-B ROGERS COMM	50.63	0.27	0.54	1003	-2.28
RY ROYAL BANK OF	286.63	4.01	1.42	1747	22.50
RUS RUSSEL METALS	72.23	-1.62	-2.19	163	64.91
SAP SAPUTO INC.	40.81	-0.53	-1.28	559	-1.21
SEA SEABRIDGE GOL	48.40	2.54	5.54	130	18.95
SES SECURE WASTE	23.84	-0.34	-1.41	236	38.04
SHOP SHOPIFY INC	212.84	5.21	2.51	1676	-3.69
SIA SIENNA SENIOR	21.47	-0.11	-0.51	349	5.09
SVM SILVERCORP ME	17.75	0.26	1.49	782	54.62
SKE SKEENA RESOUR	48.44	-0.08	-0.16	640	48.59
SRU-UN SMARTCENTR	27.91	-0.08	-0.29	263	8.39
SOBO SOUTH BOW CO	50.91	-0.73	-1.41	335	34.86
SXGC SOUTHERN CRO	12.98	0.79	6.48	486	22.57
SDE SPARTAN DELTA	12.88	0.04	0.31	547	77.66
SII SPROTT INC.	190.13	2.94	1.57	77	41.42
SSRM SSR MINING I	54.15	0.68	1.27	362	79.96
STN STANTEC INC	101.60	-1.13	-1.10	574	-21.56
SJ STELLA JONES I	69.04	-0.96	-1.37	136	-18.90
SCR STRATHCONA RE	41.98	-1.46	-3.36	353	48.18
SLF SUN LIFE FINA	110

SPORTS

49ers owner thought he was texting prostitute before arrest ■ B12
Spouses Svitolina, Monfils reach U.S. Open semi-finals ■ B13

BLUE JAYS VS. ROYALS

Just out of reach

Blue Jays second baseman Ernie Clement reaches for but misses a ball hit for a single by Royals left fielder Isaac Collins in the second inning at Rogers Centre in Toronto on Tuesday. For the game story, head to ■ GLOBESPORTS.COM

DAN HAMILTON/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

Latest reporting of football's dangers provides a revealing look at the American psyche

CATHAL KELLY

OPINION

On Tuesday, after a three-day run, football knocked trade war off the top of the New York Times' web stack.

The big story: brain injury. The Times broke this story and has owned it ever since. The newest wrinkle – that many more pros than had previously been thought end up developing serious cognitive issues.

The headline on that main story: "Study's Alarming Finding: At Least 1 in 4 N.F.L. Players Gets Brain Disease."

And then, tucked in just below that, a second headline: "How to Minimize Risk if Your Child Plays Football."

I think it's fair to say that the New York Times employs some of the smarter Americans. So why are they so stupid? How does anyone with the sense God gave a goat get from 'Bullets kill' to 'Here's how your kids can still have fun with bullets'?

It's not that they're stupid. It's that they're American.

Everybody's looking for a lesson out of the last few days, preferably one that U-turns us back in the direction of the pre-2016 status quo. That's when Canada liked to think it was America, minus the woo-hoo'ing.

That's what's made the last 10 years so psychically uncomfortable. We thought that was us in the mirror at the border, but it's someone else. How did we get it so wrong?

These two dissonant headlines, paired by the fantastically well-educated, Democrat-voting, pussyhat-wearing, upper-middle-class cream of our neighbouring crop, are as close as you're going to get to an explanation.

They strongly suggest that America is just not like us. I'm talking deep down. They don't think like us. They don't share our vision of how the world is, or how it should be. Despite all the superficial similarities, we are different peoples.

If someone says to Canadians that guns kill people, or that a faulty drug made people sick, we all stop. Then we go into fix-it mode.

This is not to say we get it right, but that negative actions create collective reactions. We have internalized and institutionalized empathy.

Hockey has the same problem as football. So what did we do? We changed hockey. The game that was played 30 years ago bears little resemblance to the one played now. Zero fighting at the lower levels, and much less at the top. No tolerance for hits to the head. Equipment that looks more suited to an astronaut than an athlete. It's a work of generations, but it's work that's being done.

It's certainly better than the house organ of the reasonable left announcing that football kills, along with some tips on how to let it kill your kids in a less aggressive way. One of the subheadlines in that story is, "What if my son is knocked unconscious?"

Given everything we know now, I, a Canadian who played football and was knocked unconscious while doing so, would say, 'Maybe try soccer instead'.

The conclusion the Times comes to is to make sure he gets "independent medical care" before getting back out there.

■ KELLY, B12

Blue Jays' ace Dylan Cease has painting showcased at Art Gallery of Ontario

MARTY KLINKENBERG

Every fifth day or so Dylan Cease paints the corner of home plate with a 98 mile an hour fastball as a pitcher for the Blue Jays.

Painting has also spilled over into his free time.

On Tuesday the Art Gallery of Ontario displayed one of his colourful works, *Eve of Toronto*, and began to sell limited-edition prints, postcards, T-shirts, sweatshirts and totes that include it.

Cease, who is in his first season with Toronto, completed the painting over the course of two weeks during spring training. It normally hangs in manager John Schneider's office at Rogers Centre.

"I wanted to do something warm and happy and give a big shout out to Toronto," Cease said.

A long line of fans waited outside the gallery on Tuesday to view the painting, pose for pictures with him and get autographs.

Ros Lawler, the chief brand and business officer for the gallery, estimated that about 300 selfies were taken with the pitcher-turned-artist. She said the first fan arrived with a folding chair and an iPad.

The availability with him for fans wasn't until 10:30 a.m.

"It's pretty mind blowing to see the line," Cease told media who gathered for the unveiling. "It feels very big in a lot of ways I wasn't expecting. Honestly I never would have thought in a million years that I would be doing anything even remotely close to this.

"It definitely feels surreal. It's kind of crazy."

Cease, 30, signed a seven-year, US$210-million contract, the largest free-agent signing in club history, during the off-season. That has paid dividends. As the Blue Jays chase after a playoff position he is among the leading candidates to win the Cy Young Award, given annually to the American League and National League's top pitcher.

This is his sixth straight year where he has struck out more than 200 batters.

Cease never took art in school – he chose a theatre class instead – and began to teach himself how to paint only four years ago.

"I think I am way better at it now," he said. "I know what I want to do with colours. I can't draw so I have to do something extremely abstract. I think it is cool that this is being seen and I can share something I enjoy."

■ CEASE, B12

Blue Jays pitcher Dylan Cease sits under his painting during an event at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto on Tuesday. COLE BURSTON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA stars 'not required' for World Cup qualifier

Many of Canada's biggest players will be absent as it prepares for games against Panama and Argentina

GEMMA KARSTENS-SMITH

Canada's Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, left, will not play in the World Cup qualifiers. General manager Rowan Barrett did not say why. NICK IWANYSHYN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Some big names will be missing when Canada's men's basketball team makes its next push to qualify for the 2027 FIBA World Cup.

Canada Basketball general manager Rowan Barrett unveiled the country's roster for the second round of the Americas qualifiers Tuesday, headlined by Atlanta Hawks guard Nickeil Alexander-Walker.

He'll be joined by Hawks teammate Luguentz Dort, who was traded to Atlanta this off-season after seven years in Oklahoma City, along with Trae Bell-Haynes, Khem Birch, Marcus Carr, Mfiondu Kabengele, Kaza Kajami-Keane, Koby McEwen, David Muenkat, Nick Ongenda, Kelly Olynyk, Jackson Rowe, Thomas Scrubb, Keevan Veinot and Kyle Wiltjer.

The Canadians will head to Panama City to take on Panama on Thursday before playing host to Argentina in Quebec City on Monday.

Barrett's son, Toronto Raptors star RJ Barrett, and Bennedict Mathurin of the Los Angeles Clippers will join the team in Quebec City as ambassadors but will not play.

"We have not required our NBA athletes, especially starting out on the road here in Panama, we have not required our NBA athletes to participate in this window if they're not playing," Rowan Barrett said.

"We believe they've come earlier in the summer, they've learned the coaches, they've learned the system, they've supported the team, they've done that, they've met the requirement."

Plans were to have Shaedon Sharpe on the 15-player roster, Barrett said, but the 23-year-old Portland Trail Blazers guard, who averaged a career-high 20.8 points last season, tore his meniscus last week and will be out for six months.

Several of Canada's top NBA stars will be absent for the latest round of qualifying, including the league's two-time MVP Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and Phoenix Suns standout Dillon Brooks.

Barrett didn't offer details on why either athlete isn't participating, but he said several of the players in Canada's pool are dealing with various circumstances, from injuries and fatigue to contract issues and training camp preparations.

"We have multiple players injured. Some you know, some you don't know," the GM said.

"There are many, many different things we manage before putting together a roster, not to mention just life. Our guys are getting older. They're full adults now, married with children."

Canada Basketball has a pool of over 50 committed athletes it can pull from depending on anything from injuries to the timing of games, he added.

"You always have to be dipping into your pool to be putting together your best possible team … This is normal for us," Barrett said.

"It's almost like a relay race. One guy's got to carry the baton, get it to the next guy, get it to the next guy to get it around the track. It's a little bit what this structure forces you to do."

The Canadians are currently ranked fifth in the world and head into the games sitting atop Group F with a 6-0 record after decisive wins over Jamaica and Puerto Rico in Hamilton in June.

The three best teams in each of the two remaining groups and the best overall fourth-place team will qualify for the 2027 World Cup in Qatar.

Panama currently sits 56th in the FIBA rankings, and Argentina is No. 8.

Canada Basketball staff wanted to assemble a group that balances inside players and outside players, and included athletes with FIBA experience for this round of qualifiers, Barrett said.

"These games are important, and when you get down to it, execution becomes really, really important, " he said. "And having players that have kind of been-there, done-that becomes really important. And we wanted a certain toughness in the team as well."

Alexander-Walker is coming off a career-high season where he averaged 20.8 points per game with 3.4 rebounds and 3.7 assists.

The 27-year-old Toronto product was put into a favourable situation with the Hawks and grabbed his opportunity on the way to being named the NBA's most improved player, Barrett said.

"Naturally, with players that continue working, continue honing skills and mining their craft, you'd expect to see growth. And I think with Nickeil, that's kind of what you're seeing," he said.

Canada will also have a veteran presence at the qualifiers in 35-year-old forward Kelly Olynyk, who made it to the NBA finals with the San Antonio Spurs last season.

Olynyk has long been part of the national men's program and grew up steeped in basketball, said Barrett. The GM noted he and Canadian basketball legend Steve Nash were both coached by Olynyk's dad, Ken Olynyk, when they were in high school.

"[Kelly] loves the game," Barrett said.

"He's a gym rat. He continues to get better as time goes along and after all the money he's made and all the years he's played, everything he's done, he's still here because he loves the game and he loves his country … We're happy to have him back in the fold. And hopefully some of his leadership and experience can help us in this window."

Monday's game in Quebec City could have something of a hometown feel for at least one of Canada's players.

Dort, 27, hails from Montreal, but may have loved ones in the crowd when Canada takes on Argentina, Barrett said.

"I know it's important to him to play. Who wouldn't want to play in their home [province]?" he said.

"It's a powerful thing when you're walking in, and you can see all the familiar faces that were there along your journey."

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	78	53	.595	—
New York	74	56	.569	3½
Boston	72	59	.550	6
Toronto	64	68	.485	14½
Baltimore	63	68	.481	15
CENTRAL DIVISION				
Chicago	68	63	.519	—
Cleveland	66	66	.500	2½
Minnesota	64	68	.485	4½
Detroit	61	70	.466	7
Kansas City	58	74	.439	10½
WEST DIVISION				
Texas	66	66	.500	—
Houston	65	66	.496	½
Seattle	63	69	.477	3
Los Angeles	52	80	.394	14
Athletics	51	81	.386	15
WILD CARD				
New York	74	56	.569	+9½
Boston	72	59	.550	+6
Texas	66	66	.500	—
Cleveland	66	66	.500	—
Toronto	64	68	.485	1½
Minnesota	64	68	.485	1½
Baltimore	63	68	.481	2
Seattle	63	69	.477	3
Detroit	61	70	.466	3½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	76	55	.580	—
Philadelphia	73	59	.553	3½
Miami	67	65	.508	9½
Washington	62	71	.466	15
New York	59	72	.450	17
CENTRAL DIVISION				
Milwaukee	81	50	.618	—
Chicago	76	56	.576	5½
St. Louis	66	66	.500	15½
Pittsburgh	64	69	.481	18
Cincinnati	62	70	.470	19½
WEST DIVISION				
Los Angeles	80	51	.611	—
San Diego	71	61	.538	9½
Arizona	69	63	.523	11½
San Francisco	53	78	.405	27
Colorado	50	81	.382	30
WILD CARD				
Chicago	76	56	.576	+4
Philadelphia	73	59	.553	+2
San Diego	71	61	.538	—
Arizona	69	63	.523	2
Miami	67	65	.508	4
St. Louis	66	66	.500	5½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tuesday
Tampa Bay at Detroit
Houston at N.Y. Yankees
Kansas City at Toronto
Texas at Chicago White Sox
Cleveland at L.A. Angels
Minnesota at Athletics

Monday
Tampa Bay 4, Detroit 1
Texas 11, Chicago White Sox 2
Cleveland 4, L.A. Angels 2
Minnesota 9, Athletics 6

Wednesday
All Times Eastern
Philadelphia (Luzardo 11-5) at Seattle (Woo 9-8), 4:10 p.m.
Boston (Gray 16-3) at Miami (Gusto 0-3), 6:40 p.m.
Baltimore (Bradish 7-12) at St. Louis (McGreevy 5-9), 7:45 p.m.
Minnesota (Prielipp 3-7) at Athletics (Ginn 8-8), 9:05 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE

Tuesday
Boston at Miami
Baltimore at St. Louis
Philadelphia at Seattle

Monday
Boston 4, Miami 2
Seattle 9, Philadelphia 2

Wednesday
All Times Eastern
Tampa Bay (Peralta 5-11) at Detroit (Melton 7-2), 1:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Cantillo 9-7) at L.A. Angels (Rodriguez 4-5), 4:07 p.m.
Houston (Lambert 8-7) at N.Y. Yankees (TBD), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Dobnak 2-1) at Toronto (Bieber 5-2), 7:07 p.m.
Texas (Gore 7-9) at Chicago White Sox (Burke 7-6), 7:40 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday
Colorado at Washington
Milwaukee at N.Y. Mets
L.A. Dodgers at Atlanta
Chicago Cubs at Arizona
Pittsburgh at San Diego
Cincinnati at San Francisco

Monday
Washington 13, Colorado 3
Chicago Cubs 7, Arizona 0
Pittsburgh 3, San Diego 2
San Francisco 5, Cincinnati 0

Wednesday
All Times Eastern
Chicago Cubs (Boyd 8-2) at Arizona (Rodriguez 13-4), 3:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Lodolo 3-3) at San Francisco (Roupp 7-13), 3:45 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Chandler 6-8) at San Diego (Vásquez 9-6), 4:10 p.m.
Colorado (Gordon 0-4) at Washington (TBD), 6:45 p.m.
Milwaukee (May 6-8) at N.Y. Mets (Stock 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Sasaki 5-5) at Atlanta (Smith-Shawver 0-0), 7:15 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	25	13	.658	—
x-Indiana	25	14	.641	½
x-New York	23	15	.605	2
x-Washington	22	15	.595	2½
Chicago	15	24	.385	10½
Toronto	11	26	.297	13½
Connecticut	10	27	.270	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	31	8	.795	—
x-Golden State	26	11	.703	4
x-Las Vegas	26	13	.667	5
Dallas	22	16	.579	8½
Portland	15	22	.405	15
Phoenix	13	24	.351	17
Los Angeles	13	25	.342	17½
Seattle	7	31	.184	23½

x — clinched playoff berth

Tuesday
Connecticut 87, Chicago 81
Portland at Dallas
Washington at Phoenix

Monday
Golden State 80, Minnesota 66
Atlanta 78, Los Angeles 71

Wednesday — All Times Eastern
Golden State at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Thursday
Golden State at New York, 8 p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

CPL

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Calgary	18	12	2	4	36	11	40
Hamilton	17	12	3	2	27	13	38
Ottawa	19	9	7	3	32	33	30
Vancouver	19	8	8	3	26	22	27
Halifax	19	5	9	5	25	30	20
Quebec	18	5	9	4	26	33	19
Toronto	16	4	6	6	21	35	18
Victoria	16	0	11	5	18	34	5

Friday
All Times Eastern
Hamilton at Quebec, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

Saturday
Vancouver at Calgary, 5 p.m.

Sunday
Halifax at Victoria, 6 p.m.

NSL

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Ottawa	17	10	4	3	38	28	33
Montreal	17	9	4	4	32	19	31
Toronto	17	8	5	4	28	17	28
Vancouver	17	7	9	1	32	39	22
Halifax	17	6	8	3	19	18	21
Calgary	17	2	12	3	18	46	9

Saturday
All Times Eastern
Halifax at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 30
Ottawa at Toronto, 4 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Nashville	21	15	2	4	43	17	49
Miami	21	11	4	6	49	40	39
Chicago	20	11	6	3	37	26	36
New England	21	10	7	4	33	26	34
Charlotte	21	9	7	5	38	32	32
Cincinnati	21	8	6	7	49	47	31
N.Y. City F.C.	21	7	8	6	35	30	27
N.Y. Red Bulls	21	7	9	5	31	43	26
Orlando	21	7	11	3	34	51	24
Toronto	21	5	7	9	31	37	24
D.C.	21	5	7	9	28	36	24
Atlanta	21	6	12	3	25	36	21
Philadelphia	21	5	10	6	31	38	21
Montreal	21	5	10	6	29	39	21
Columbus	21	5	11	5	30	36	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	20	12	4	4	45	18	40
Houston	21	12	7	2	30	26	38
L.A. F.C.	22	10	7	5	36	22	35
San Jose	21	10	8	3	39	33	33
Dallas	21	9	6	6	38	34	33
St. Louis	21	9	6	6	30	27	33
Salt Lake	20	8	8	4	34	32	28
Colorado	21	9	11	1	30	28	28
Portland	21	8	9	4	38	37	28
Minnesota	21	7	7	7	27	29	28
San Diego	21	7	8	6	37	32	27
L.A. Galaxy	22	6	8	8	27	32	26
Seattle	20	7	9	4	22	27	25
Austin	21	5	10	6	26	40	21
Kansas City	21	4	14	3	20	51	15

Saturday
All Times Eastern
Chicago at Seattle, 4:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles F.C. at D.C., 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
New York City F.C. at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Salt Lake City at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Austin at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Galaxy at San Diego, 10:30 p.m.

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DOUBLE ELIMINATION

At Williamsport, Pa.
Tuesday
Tokyo (Japan) 3 Tijuana (Mexico) 1
Phenix City (Alabama) 4 Tacoma (Washington) 2
Vancouver (Canada) 5 Seoul (Korea) 1
Hamilton (Ohio) 5, Bayonne (NJ) 2

Wednesday
All Times Eastern
Leon (Nicaragua) vs. Willemstad (Curacao), 1 p.m. Henderson (Nev.) vs. Davenport (Iowa), 3 p.m.
Vancouver (Canada) vs. Tokyo (Japan), 5 p.m.
Hamilton (Ohio) vs. Phenix City (Al.) , 7 p.m.

ATP/WTA TOUR

US OPEN

Tuesday
At New York
Purse: $5,438,400
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor
MEN'S
SINGLES — QUALIFICATION
Michael Antonius, United States, def. Henry Searle, Britain, 6-1, 6-2.
Timofey Skatov, Kazakhstan, def. Gilles Arnaud Bailly, Belgium, 6-4, 6-2.
Kei Nishikori, Japan, def. Sebastian Ofner (16), Austria, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2.
Shintaro Mochizuki (6), Japan, def. Daniel Milavsky, United States, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Braden Shick, United States, def. Clement Tabur, France, 6-4, 7-5.
David Jorda Sanchis, Spain, def. Henri Squire, Germany, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (2).
Dusan Lajovic (30), Serbia, def. Kwon Soon Woo, South Korea, 4-6, 7-5, 3-1, ret.

WOMEN'S
SINGLES — QUALIFICATION
Moyuka Uchijima (2), Japan, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-3.
Lucie Havlickova, Czechia, def. Elizara Yaneva, Bulgaria, 6-2, 7-5.
Guiomar Maristany Zuleta de Reales, Spain, def. Jodie Burrage, Britain, 7-6 (1), 6-4.
Tamara Zidansek, Slovenia, def. Laura Samson (10), Czechia, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 7-5.
Harriet Dart (29), Britain, def. Jordyn Hazelitt, United States, 6-0, 6-7 (1), 6-1.
Susan Bandecchi, Switzerland, def. Alina Charaeva (5), Russia, 6-4, 6-4.
Suzan Lamens, Netherlands, def. Emerson Jones (18), Australia, 7-5, 6-7 (7), 6-2.
Anna Siskova, Czechia, def. Noma Noha Akugue (27), Germany, 1-6, 6-4, 7-5.

ATP WORLD TOUR

WINSTON-SALEM OPEN

Tuesday
At Winston-Salem, N.C.
MEN'S
SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Botic Van de Zandschulp (13), Netherlands, def. Adolfo Daniel Vallejo, Paraguay, 6-2, 6-0.
Ignacio Buse (3), Peru, def. Adam Walton, Australia, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.
Benjamin Bonzi, France, def. Quentin Halys (12), France, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Luciano Darderi (2), Italy, def. Mattia Bellucci, Italy, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Aleksandar Kovacevic, United States, def. Luca Van Assche (11), France, 6-1, 7-6 (6).
Juan Manuel Cerundolo (8), Argentina, def. Dhakshineswar Suresh, India, 7-6 (10), 6-3.
Arthur Fery (4), Britain, def. Cruz Hewitt, Australia, 6-1, 7-5.
James Duckworth, Australia, def. Mariano Navone (6), Argentina, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	10	9	1	367	263	18
Toronto	10	5	5	304	311	10
Hamilton	11	4	7	257	319	8
Ottawa	10	0	10	223	368	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	PF	PA	Pt
Edmonton	11	8	3	323	279	16
Saskatchewan	9	6	3	293	241	12
Winnipeg	10	5	5	256	286	10
British Columbia	9	4	5	244	251	8
Calgary	10	4	6	378	327	8

WEEK 13
Bye: Edmonton
Friday
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 29
Hamilton at Calgary, 3 p.m.
Toronto at Saskatchewan, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 30
British Columbia at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

NFL PRESEASON

Thursday — All Times Eastern
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
New England at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
San Francisco at Las Vegas, 8 p.m.
L.A. Rams at L.A. Chargers, 10 p.m.

Friday
Washington at Baltimore, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 7 p.m.
Houston at Carolina, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.
Arizona at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 29
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Tennessee, 6 p.m.

TELEVISION

WEDNESDAY (ALL TIMES EASTERN)

BASEBALL
Little League World Series: TBD, 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. TSN1
MLB: Kansas City vs. Toronto, SN Ontario, 7 p.m.
MLB: Houston vs. N.Y. Yankees, SN 1, 7 p.m.

BASKETBALL
WNBA: Golden State vs. Connecticut, TSN 4, 7 p.m.
WNBA: Toronto vs. Seattle, TSN 4, CTV2, 10 p.m.

SOCCER
Leagues Cup: Austin vs. Toluca FC, TSN 5, 8:30 p.m.
Leagues Cup: Columbus vs. Club America, TSN 5, 10:30 p.m.

TENNIS
US Open: Mixed Doubles Semifinals, TSN 3, 7 p.m., Final, 9 p.m.

RESULTS AS OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 9:30 P.M.

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OFF THE MARK

SPEED BUMP

BIZARRO

49ers owner York texted woman he believed was a prostitute before arrest

NFL said it is aware of the arrest and will review it under the personal conduct policy

JOSH DUBOW
SANTA CLARA, CALIF.

San Francisco 49ers owner Jed York used an alias when he sent text messages over two days to a woman he believed to be a prostitute before he was arrested in a sting operation in Ohio, according to a police incident report obtained Tuesday.

The report from the Mahoning Valley Human Trafficking Task Force had more than two pages redacted but provided more details about what led to York's arrest and ultimately to him pleading no contest Monday to two misdemeanours.

York initially responded to an advertisement placed by police on a known prostitution website on Saturday, according to the report, sending two messages that went unanswered and saying his name was "Joe" and that he wanted to visit the woman.

York texted again Sunday morning and said he wanted to see the woman. He said he was staying nearby and asked for her address. He asked how much the woman charged and was told it was US$160 for "full service sexual activity," the report said.

York took a rental car to a mobile home park in East Palestine, Ohio, where he was given a fictitious lot number. He texted when he arrived at the mobile home park. He was then directed back to the main road, where he was stopped by marked police units. Police found York had US$160 that was seized and they sent a text to his phone to determine it was the same one used to arrange the meeting.

He was booked into jail and was released after posting a US$5,000 bond. York was initially charged with engaging in prostitution, but prosecutors amended that to disorderly conduct. He pleaded no contest Monday to that charge and to possessing criminal tools for using his phone to respond to the ad.

He was sentenced to one day in jail for both offences to be served concurrently and was credited with one day served when he pleaded no contest. He also was fined US$1,150. The US$160 that was seized from him was given to the human trafficking task force as part of the plea. York also completed an online course.

York has been in Ohio, where he grew up near Youngstown, for most of the summer. He had filed for divorce from his wife, Danielle, in May, according to court records.

The NFL issued a statement saying the league is aware of the arrest and will review it under the personal conduct policy. Owners are subject to possible fines or suspensions for violating the policy.

The team said that the "legal matter" had been resolved and that it would have no additional comment.

Coach Kyle Shanahan said Tuesday that he has talked to York the past two days and doesn't believe the arrest will have any impact on the team.

"Obviously, it's a very tough situation," Shanahan said. "The views for the organization going forward are the same as usual. There won't be any difference in that. But I know it's extremely fresh. I think it's a very, very personal situation. I got a lot of respect for Jed. I got lot of respect for Danielle. The family does mean a lot to me. With it being this personal, I'm trying as hard as I can to keep it that way."

Shanahan said he doesn't expect any change in York's involvement with the team, saying he has always allowed Shanahan and general manager John Lynch to make the football decisions.

Shanahan said he doesn't feel the need to address the situation with his players.

Star linebacker Fred Warner said the players were aware of it but that he didn't believe it would be a distraction.

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Raiders quarterback Fernando Mendoza attempts a pass during the second quarter against the Texans at Reliant Stadium in Houston on Aug. 20. TROY TAORMINA/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

Raiders will decide when to start top-pick Mendoza based on his play and not the offence as a whole

MARK ANDERSON HENDERSON, NEV.

The Raiders' offensive line is far from proven, no wide receiver has emerged as a true No. 1 and a rookie could be the starting running back entering the season.

Probably not the ideal situation to start a first-year quarterback, but players drafted first overall – as Fernando Mendoza was – usually join a team with a lot more questions than answers.

And there are plenty with Las Vegas.

Could that be a factor for when Raiders coaches decide to start Mendoza? He likely will be the backup to Kirk Cousins when the season opens Sept. 13 against Miami.

"They've all got to get ready," coach Klint Kubiak said. "Whoever is playing quarterback for us, it's a team thing. It's not the QB playing well and everyone else is not or the other way around."

The Raiders' offence last season was statistically the worst in the NFL. Las Vegas' averages of 14.2 points and 245.2 yards per game were each last in the league.

It didn't help that the Raiders' offensive line also was statistically at the bottom, but management hopes that is no longer the case. The club signed three-time pro bowl centre Tyler Linderbaum to the richest contract ever for an interior offensive lineman. Kolton Miller, who missed all but four games last season because of an ankle injury, is one of the league's best left tackles.

But how much the Raiders improve up front remains a question, particularly at right guard where Jackson Powers-Johnson is competing with Caleb Rogers for the starting role.

Also questionable is how the receiving corps will perform even without a clear-cut first option. Kubiak criticized the receivers after Thursday's 22-20 preseason victory at Houston.

"When you go out and you have trouble with your assignments, I'm going to have an opinion about it, and it's not just them," Kubiak said Tuesday. "We've had plenty of other guys that have got to step up. A lot of young guys, and then guys that we're counting on in that receiver room."

Now there's also the significant question at running back after second-year starter Ashton Jeanty went down with an injury in practice Sunday. He was unable to put pressure on his right leg as he was helped off the field, and the Raiders have been quiet about his prognosis.

Rookie Mike Washington Jr., drafted in the fourth round, is taking first-team snaps in practice. He also has performed well enough in training camp that he was getting some of those repetitions even when Jeanty was healthy.

So the Raiders have some decisions to make, most notably at quarterback and when to turn the offence over to Mendoza, the Heisman Trophy winner last year at Indiana. It seems like a matter of time before Mendoza takes over, and Kubiak continues to insist it's an ongoing competition even with Cousins still quarterbacking the starting offence in practice.

But as Kubiak said, the decision on when to play Mendoza will depend on the quarterback and not the offence around him.

"We're trying to grow in all phases of our offence, every player, every position group," offensive co-ordinator Andrew Janocko said. "Ultimately, coach [Kubiak] has the final say on how and when we're going to play this person, that person, and not just quarterback, but any position group, and how players develop over time. We like to see the guys develop in practice, we like to see what they're doing in these preseason games and then basing decisions on that."

One of the major questions regarding Mendoza was how he would be able to adjust to taking snaps directly under centre. He took snaps out of shotgun almost exclusively at Indiana.

Linderbaum didn't even realize that was the case, an indication of how well Mendoza has adjusted.

"Under centre, he's perfect," said Jordan Meredith, the backup centre who has worked most closely with Mendoza. "I've had no issues the whole time. He's been detail oriented in the huddle, taking command of every play that he gets. I see that he's ready for anything the coaches ask of him."

The Raiders host San Francisco on Thursday night in the final preseason game for both teams. Kubiak's brother, Klay, is the 49ers' offensive co-ordinator.

"My brother is the smartest guy in the family, and I'm not kidding," Klint Kubiak said. "He's brilliant, works really hard. I love him. Not going to love him on Thursday night."

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Cease: Pitcher has work space in laundry room at Rogers Centre

FROM B10

"It is interesting to see the mixed receptions. I like hearing different opinions on it. Some people love it and some people hate it but ultimately a lot of people have liked it, which is great."

Cease visited the gallery in May and was recognized by a staff member who is a huge Blue Jays fan. That meeting turned into a collaboration. Cease is donating all proceeds from the sale of items to support the gallery's mission to enrich lives through art and learning. Recently, one of his paintings sold for $16,000 to support Jays Care, the foundation associated with the team. Forty-five people bid on the painting.

He has set up a work space in the laundry room at Rogers Centre and has a lengthy list of requests from his teammates.

"I like to experiment," Cease said. "I don't have plans. I try to visualize something and just throw paint together. It makes me happy. I can put whatever I want on there. It doesn't have to be perfect."

He said he finds freedom in painting.

"In comparison baseball is very structured," Cease said.

He never anticipated that he would have his work shown in one of Canada's greatest galleries.

"I did it just to do it," Cease said.

Lawler thanked him for being professional, genuine and generous with his time.

"It came together very organically and led to this wonderful moment," she said. "I love his paintings. They exude warmth, sunshine and energy. They are joyous."

Cease is from Georgia originally and marches to the beat of a different drummer than most major leaguers. Among other things, he and his dad keep bees together. And now he paints.

"It brings me a lot of joy," he said. "Ultimately if it ends up here or in my bathroom I'm happy. I've tried to learn as much as I can in limited free time what shapes Canadian culture. I guess I am just trying to do my part."

Kelly

FROM B10

You don't want to take too much out of one story in one newspaper, but it's knee-jerk reactions, not big think pieces, that are most revealing of anyone's outlook. It is not conceivable to the New York Times that any tailgate-loving American would read the first story and think, 'Time to stop doing that'.

A Scandinavian or a Finn would do so. That's the part of the world we probably have the most in common with. Like us, they are pragmatic, collective-minded, poor at parties and good at driving in snow.

Americans grew up different. John Wayne may be out of fashion, but his ethos continues to define them. They are go-it-alone people. They are live-fast-and-die-young types.

I don't mean that they think they will die young. The Americans you see on Instagram all think they'll live forever. This is only to say that they've accepted that their fellow citizens – ones they don't know – will probably die young, and that there's nothing that can be done about that. It's kind of their own fault for not being rich.

This outlook has created their zero-sum politics and their vapid preoccupations. Solving collective problems is complicated, expensive and boring. Americans are allergic to all three, but the third thing is torture. What they want most of all is to be entertained. Unfortunately for us, we've just become the entertainment.

There has never been a people more preoccupied with putting on, being in or crashing out in front of a show. This is how they took over the world. It wasn't battlecruisers. It was razzmatazz.

It's why no one cared the first time they heard that football kills its practitioners, and why they're even less likely to care now that it's worse than everyone thought. Because is someone seriously suggesting they *change* football? I sure hope not. That would leave Sundays wide open.

Of all the great one-liners the Prime Minister Mark Carney has come out with in the last little while, one strikes me as the most defining: "[Canada] is the greatest country in the world to be a regular person."

A Canadian hears that and thinks, 'Right on'.

An American, of whatever political stripe, does the same and thinks, 'What a loser.' The nice ones won't say it, but they're thinking it.

Americans want to risk it all, and see how things turn out. If they make it out in one piece, they will leave everyone who didn't behind. Their eyes are pointed upward, always. It's an outlook that produces a lot of success, as well as a good deal of misery.

Canadian eyes are pointed around, at each other. We're either all going to make it together, or we're not. Nobody's getting left behind if the rest of us can help it. If thinking so means we're less likely to become the biggest, the best, or the richest, then that's okay.

This is a spat between old friends that's been a long time coming, but it's more than a function of one regime. Canada and the U.S. share a geography and a culture (theirs), but not a language.

When we're talking, they don't hear what we're saying, and vice versa. The difference is that we know it.

Spouses Svitolina, Monfils reach U.S. Open mixed doubles semi-finals

Serena Williams, Carlos Alcaraz eliminated in their second match

BRIAN MAHONEY NEW YORK

Elina Svitolina, left, and Gael Monfils edged past Katerina Siniakova and Henry Patten 5-4 (6), 4-5 (3), (10-8) in New York on Tuesday. YUKI IWAMURA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Elina Svitolina and Gael Monfils have both gone far at the U.S. Open but never all the way to a title. Maybe the married couple can finally win a trophy together.

The spouses made quite a pair on the court Tuesday, becoming the first team into the mixed doubles semi-finals by edging Katerina Siniakova and Henry Patten 5-4 (6), 4-5 (3), (10-8).

Serena Williams and Carlos Alcaraz won their first-round match but were then ousted after a 5-4 (4), 4-1 loss to Belinda Bencic and Flavio Cobolli.

Svitolina and Monfils will face Bencic and Cobolli in one semi-final Wednesday, with Mirra Andreeva and Andrey Rublev to meet Karolina Muchova and Jakub Mensik in the other. The winning team will earn US$1-million.

That would be quite a payday for Monfils to share with his wife in his final Grand Slam tournament before retiring.

"Happy wife, happy life," Monfils said in their postmatch interview after a kiss and hug on the court after match point.

Williams and Alcaraz beat Erin Routliffe and Lloyd Glasspool 5-3, 4-1 in Williams' first match at the U.S. Open since 2022. Williams, the 23-time Grand Slam singles champion, and two-time U.S. Open champion Alcaraz advanced to face the team of Belinda Bencic and Flavio Cobolli.

"It's always such an amazing place to be here," Williams said. "I never expected to be back on this court, so it was just a really cool moment. I never thought this would happen."

Williams and Alcaraz began their opening match just as the two-time defending champions were eliminated. Andreeva and Rublev saved a match point and outlasted Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori 1-4, 4-1 (11-9). The 19-year-old Andreeva revealed afterward that she used to have a crush on her partner and fellow Russian, who is 28.

They then recovered after blowing four match points in the second set to beat Diana Shnaider and Casper Ruud 4-1, 4-5 (9) (10-5).

The U.S. Open tinkered with the format of the tournament this year to allow more doubles specialists back in, but it was the singles players who had the upper hand.

Monfils, who will turn 40 on Sept. 1, reached the U.S. Open semi-finals in 2016. Svitolina, who is eight years younger, got to the final four in Flushing Meadows in 2019.

Now it's another semi-final – and an unlikely one – after they outlasted a team featuring the No.-1 ranked players in men's and women's doubles.

Monfils, who is from France, was given a wild card into the singles tournament. He and Svitolina, who is from Ukraine, were given wild cards to compete in mixed. They were married in 2021 and daughter Skaï was born the next year.

Because they were unsure at first they would be in the field in New York, Svitolina said they entered with no expectations, having not even worked on their tactics until Monday.

"I mean, we practice quite a lot together back at home or on the tournaments. Only yesterday we worked on few things for doubles," Svitolina said.

"When we warmed up this morning, yeah, I told my coach it would be amazing if we can win just few games."

Muchova and Mensik reached the semi-finals with a 4-1, 5-3 victory over American pair Emma Navarro and Tommy Paul. Mensik texted Muchova on the eve of the tournament so they could coordinate outfits, and both wore pink tops and maroon bottoms.

"It's definitely one of the most important things, to look good on the court, as well," Mensik said.

Siniakova and Patten ousted Aryna Sabalenka and Novak Djokovic 1-4, 4-2 (10-2) in the first round. Siniakova ended the match with an ace while serving to Djokovic.

The tournament was overhauled last year in an effort to get more top singles players to compete. It was moved to a two-day event well before the singles main draw begins, with a scoring format that guarantees quick matches that shouldn't tax the players too much. The matches in the first three rounds feature sets to four games, with a tiebreaker at 4-all and a 10-point tiebreaker instead of a third set. Only the final on Wednesday night will resemble a regular match, with traditional sets to six games.

"I will say if we play until basically regular rules, until six games, will be much more difficult," Mensik said.

Sabalenka, the two-time defending U.S. Open women's champion, and 24-time Grand Slam champion Djokovic are exactly the types of players the U.S. Tennis Association was seeking. They had the No. 1 seed based on the lowest combined singles ranking of any team, but their loss was far from an upset.

Doubles specialists such as Siniakova and Patten were shut out of the U.S. Open last year, when teams qualified directly based on the two players' singles rankings, or were given wild cards by the USTA. Errani and Vavassori, who had won the title in 2024, were the only doubles players in the field after they were given a wild card to return, and went on to defend their title.

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Popp excited about Canada return as senior adviser with struggling Redblacks

DAN RALPH

Jim Popp is gearing up for long days in front of a computer screen.

On Monday, the Ottawa Redblacks appointed Popp as a senior football adviser. The move came after the 0-10 club fired vice-president of football operations Shawn Burke on Sunday.

Six days earlier, team president Adrian Sciarra stepped down. Defensive co-ordinator Will Fields was let go Aug. 1 after Ottawa's 0-7 start, replaced by special-teams co-ordinator Jeff Reinebold. Nate Taylor assumed Reinebold's former role.

Since reaching the 2018 Grey Cup, Ottawa has made the playoffs once (2024).

Popp has spent 28 CFL seasons as a coach and front-office executive and been part of five Grey Cup-winning teams. His last tenure in Canada was as general manager of the Toronto Argonauts (2017-19), earning his last league title in his first season with the franchise.

Popp returns north after serving as senior vice-president of player personnel with the USFL/UFL (2022-2025).

"To be honest I never really looked or planned to exit Canada … it's just things happened the way they did," Popp said Tuesday. "I've embraced Canada, I love the CFL and its history, Canada is a second home for me, all of my six kids were born there.

"It's a great opportunity to jump back in and be a part of something I love."

Ottawa's situation presents a big challenge. The Redblacks have dropped 16 straight regular-season games dating back to last year, tying the CFL's modern-era record (since Second World War) set by the Hamilton Wildcats (1948-49).

Popp said it's way too early to determine what his first order of business will be with Ottawa.

"I've been on the phone, obviously, with Mark [Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group CEO Mark Goudie] and Ryan [head coach/GM Ryan Dinwiddie] but we all need to sit down and go through the nuts and bolts of everything," Popp said.

"I'm going to help Mark in areas that he needs help in as an adviser and try to do whatever I can for coach [Dinwiddie] but I've also got to meet with and get to know everyone in the organization as well.

"Obviously, there'll probably be some personnel changes at some point [but] you can't just go crazy because guys have to know what they're doing on the field. That's going to take some time … I'll be watching plenty of film."

Popp will have some time to fully assess his new situation. The Redblacks host the B.C. Lions on Sunday night then are off until Sept. 12 when they visit Toronto.

There will be plenty for Popp to evaluate.

Ottawa is ranked last overall in offensive points a game (21.5), rushing (55 yards) and tied with Winnipeg for last in offensive TDs (20). The Redblacks are sixth in passing (294.4 yards a game) but tied for last with the Bombers in TD passes (12).

Defensively, Ottawa is last in sacks (14), second-down conversions allowed (56.7 per cent), pass defence (329.6 yards), offensive points (35.5) and offensive touchdowns surrendered (37).

Popp, 61, of Elkin, N.C., has extensive knowledge of how to build successful teams in the CFL. Over his tenure as a GM, Popp's clubs have made 11 Grey Cup appearances, winning five times.

Popp's teams have amassed an overall 269-203-1 regular-season record and 27-17 playoff mark.

Popp spent 21 seasons as the Montreal Alouettes GM (1996-2016), leading the franchise to eight Grey Cup appearances, three championships and 19 playoff berths. He also won a Grey Cup as GM of the Baltimore Stallions in 1995.

He began his CFL career with Saskatchewan (1992-93) as its player-personnel director and receivers coach under head coach Don Matthews. The Roughriders made the playoffs both years.

Popp won't need time to get to know Dinwiddie, who began his CFL coaching career as an assistant with Montreal (2013-15). Dinwiddie is in his first season with Ottawa after winning two Grey Cups over five seasons as Toronto's head coach (2021-25).

"I had a great interest in working with Ryan," Popp said. "Before I ever got him I knew a lot about him and how smart he was.

Popp's tenure with Ottawa is for the remainder of the season and he said that's where his focus lies.

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BLUE JAYS PLACE RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER SHANE BIEBER ON 15-GAME INJURED LIST

TORONTO Toronto Blue Jays right-hander Shane Bieber was placed on the 15-day injured list Tuesday, a significant blow for a team that is on the fringe of a wild-card spot entering the final month of the season.

The veteran starter is dealing with inflammation of his teres major muscle under his right shoulder, the team said Tuesday. The move to the IL was retroactive to Friday, a day after Bieber pitched seven solid innings in a 5-1 win over the Tampa Bay Rays.

"He felt a little bit of discomfort in his bullpen [session] on Sunday in New York," Blue Jays manager John Schneider said before a home game against the Kansas City Royals. Schneider said that an MRI Friday night revealed a "moderate to mild teres major injury."

"Which sucks for him, sucks for us."

Bieber, who won the American League Cy Young Award in 2020, is 5-2 this season with a 4.37 earned-run average. He spent the first two months of the season on the injured list due to right elbow inflammation and forearm fatigue.

Schneider said he was "definitely hopeful" that Bieber would be back this season but did not have a timeline for his potential return.

Entering Tuesday's games, Toronto (64-68) was two games out of an American League wild-card spot.

"It's tough timing, for sure," Schneider said.

The teres major muscles connect the shoulder blades to the upper arm bones.

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Chicago Sky bans Kanter Freedom from home games

CHICAGO

The Chicago Sky have banned Enes Kanter Freedom from their home games after the former NBA centre was ejected from Sunday's loss to the Indiana Fever.

Owner Michael Alter made the announcement in a rare news conference on Tuesday. Alter told reporters Freedom is not allowed inside of Wintrust Arena for Sky games "unless sometime in the future, he's able to prove to us that he's able to abide by our rules without being a potential threat."

The 6-foot-10, 250-pound Freedom was removed from Sunday's game after he was confronted by Sky guard Natasha Cloud late in the third quarter.

Freedom was sitting along the baseline wearing a black shirt that read "WOMAN noun. adult human female."

The Fever called for a timeout after Cloud scored inside with 1:22 left in the third. Cloud then did a chest bump with teammate Aicha Coulibaly before turning around and walking in Freedom's direction.

Cloud, 34, started yelling and pointing at Freedom, 34, as she approached him. A standing Freedom held his arms out and stepped onto the court as security and a handful of Sky players moved in between the two.

"It was pretty clear to us that his purpose of coming here was trying to be provocative and see how much attention he could get," Alter told reporters from the Chicago Sun-Times and other media outlets.

Freedom stopped near the basket to plead his case to security as he was escorted from the court area. He spun around while holding his shirt out and encouraged the crowd to respond as he walked toward the front lobby.

He had a conversation with a group of police officers before departing the arena.

"I just got kicked out of a @WNBA game for supporting WOMEN!" Freedom wrote on social media. "Let that sink in, AMERICA!"

Freedom and Royce White, another former NBA player, have declared for the WNBA draft, saying they identify as women. But a person familiar with the decision told the AP on Monday that they are not eligible. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the situation.

The WNBA has been the subject of recent debates on whether transgender women – people assigned male at birth who transition to align with their gender identity – should be allowed to participate in the league. There has never been such a player in the WNBA.

Although the league's collective bargaining agreement says the WNBA is restricted to women, it contains no more specific language about gender identity or sex assigned at birth.

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Chicago Sky guard Natasha Cloud argues with former NBA centre Enes Kanter Freedom on Sunday. NAM Y. HUH/AP

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DEATHS

ADRIA ANN HARVEY
(née Felton)

With profound sadness, the family of Adria Ann Felton Harvey announces her passing on Thursday, August 20, 2026. Ann passed away peacefully, at her home in Cambridge, Ontario, at the age of 92, with her devoted husband of 67 years and constant companion, Dr. James Miln Harvey, by her side.

Born June 1, 1934, in Toronto, ON, Ann was a daughter of the late Jack Casper Felton and Winnifred Leila (Gentles) Felton.

Gregarious, generous, and endlessly energetic, Ann loved people and cherished being an active part of her community. For years, Ann served as a member of the Toronto Watercolour Society (TWS), Canadian Society of Artists (CSA), Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour (CSPWC), Studio 30, Colour and Form Society, Current Events Club, Trinity Anglican Church Altar Guild, and was a founding member of Money Movers. Ann also volunteered at, contributed to and exhibited her work, at many galleries in Toronto, Cambridge and Kitchener-Waterloo.

Ann loved spending summers at the family cottage on Lake Huron, where she could let her brood of five run free.

She embraced life with enthusiasm and passion, rarely sitting still for long. A talented artist, painter, teacher, homemaker, gardener, traveller, cook, seamstress, and artisan, Ann found joy in creating, learning, and sharing her gifts with others. You could only find Ann sitting still while reading a book or working at her computer. Even then, she was likely to pause to add a brushstroke to a painting or stir a pot on the stove.

At the heart of it all, family and friends were Ann's greatest passion. More than anything, she loved spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren, and friends. She delighted in bringing people together, filling her home with laughter, stories, conversation, and wonderful meals. Her warmth, generosity, and magnetic presence touched countless lives and will be deeply missed.

Ann is lovingly remembered by her husband, Dr. James Miln Harvey; her daughters, Wynn Harvey (Simon Lee) and Andrea (Eduard "Eddie") Visser of Cambridge, Ontario; her sons, William "Will" (Marnie) Harvey of Toronto, Ontario, Dr. D.J. Miln Harvey (Kim Thompson) of Guelph, Ontario, and Andrew Harvey (Apple Lin) of Cambridge, Ontario; her grandchildren, John, William, Signy, Seamus, Dougall, Tai, AnDi, Max, and Tiaan; step-grandchild, Karima; great-grandchildren, Arthur and Marcus; her sister, Joan Huycke; and many cherished nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Ann was predeceased by her sisters, Germaine "Gerrie" Morris and Jacqueline "Jackie" Felton.

In accordance with Ann's wishes, there will be no visitation. A Celebration of Life for family and friends will be held at the Galt Country Club, 750 Coronation Blvd., Cambridge, Ontario, on Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ann's memory may be made to The Cambridge Memorial Hospital (CMH) Foundation, or charity of your choice.

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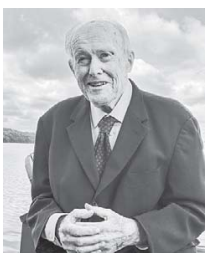

W. ROBERT HUTCHESON

Our father liked to say a grace before our large family meals that commenced with: "Thank you God for the mystery and magic in this world." With his passing on Sunday, August 16, 2026, sadly there is a little less of that now.

William Robert "Bob" Hutcheson was born on September 26, 1926, and almost made his 100th birthday celebration. He lived by the idea that he wanted to die young, as late as possible. He sure succeeded!

Bob was the son of Francis "Frank" Wilson Hutcheson and Emily Agnes Hutcheson (nee Cockburn). Apart from his educational years, he spent his entire life calling Huntsville, Ontario, home. He was incredibly proud of his roots in this community, cared deeply and equally about absolutely everyone, never judged a soul, and had a lifetime gift of remembering people's names and stories, making them feel seen and valued. He could not have been a bigger champion of the Muskoka region and people.

Bob is survived by, and was a hero to, his children, Drew (Betty), Ann, Scott (Lesley) and Blake (Susan). He was "Yodel" (a name derived from his signature melody when skiing powder) to his adoring grandchildren and step-grandchildren: James, George, Bea, Patrick, Caitlin, Hutch, Ren, Cole, Syd, Parker, Avery, Camille and Trevor; and his many cherished great-grandchildren in Canada, Europe, and the United States.

He was predeceased by so many loved ones we can't possibly mention them here. After all, he was nearly 100!

Bob attended Huntsville Public School, Ridley College, and the University of Toronto. He met our mom, the lovely Phyllis Jane Echlin, while at U of T and they built a wonderful life together for 47 years, until her passing in 1997.

Shortly after university, Bob joined his family business, Muskoka Wood Manufacturing Company, and when it was sold his entrepreneurial instincts came to life, building multiple businesses rooted in the Muskoka region: Christmas Tree plantations, Oil and Gas distribution, Lake Vernon Realty (a real estate development and holding company), and Hutcheson Sand and Gravel, to name a few. He was also a caring custodian of forest and lake lands and an "environmentalist" long before people knew what that meant. While his businesses were local, some remarkably had international reach, including supplying his signature volleyball sand to Olympic games, from Sydney to Beijing and Paris, and distributing his specialty golf course sand across North America.

Our dad loved people and life, and was unfailingly optimistic, respectful, caring, and loving. He was an indominable presence and contributor. Just this week people have described him as "one of a kind," "a force of good and nature," "a giant," "a legend," "genuine, generous and warm," "a cheerleader and mentor," "a formidable storyteller," and a few even suggested "quite persistent" and "FOMO inclined." Many highlighted that "unmistakably Bob, twinkle in his eye" that indicated "mischief, humour, joy, playfulness, kindness and appreciation." His favourite word was "Finishiative" – and he modeled for a lifetime his belief that "we must all leave our campsites much better than how we found them."

Bob was the consummate sportsman and loved: paddling a canoe (including being our stern at the local Bella-Rebecca Lake Regatta and navigating the Nahanni River), sailing, paddle boarding, rowing, boating, and scuba diving; hunting and fishing across generations; golfing and playing tennis badly; and participating in every activity his family staged. He also loved to ski from his earliest days, was the captain of the U of T Varsity Ski Team, and was enormously grateful for the countless memories with family and friends at Osler, the Yellowstone Club, and powder bowls everywhere. He would match his ski days with his age and defend Club Championships, well into his 90's. Further, at 92 years 286 days, he inspired us all by becoming the Guinness Book of World Record holder for being the world's oldest male water skier. He was a lifetime supporter of local sports, especially Huntsville Hawks lacrosse, and he would want us to mention his deep connection to, and love for, the Kansas City Chiefs. He is a Member of the Huntsville Sports Hall of Fame.

Bob was so humble and understated that you may never know these things, but some of his other lifetime achievements include: Ridleian of Distinction; University Training Officer of the Royal Canadian Navy; polio survivor; world traveler; Board Member of Thorneloe University, Alpine Canada, the Huntsville Hospital Foundation and dozens more; Warden of the All Saints Anglican Church; Huntsville Town Councilor, community builder and philanthropist; a recipient of the National Heritage Stewardship Award, the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal, and the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

What mattered to him above all else, always, was his family. We all knew it and were blessed to have him, honour him, and frankly share him, for so long. We take deep comfort knowing that he knew how much his family loved, revered, respected, and appreciated him – and each other. He was our: emotional and spiritual leader; beacon of decency, integrity and hope; glue; and North Star. Rest in peace, dear Dad. As an avid card player, you left nothing on the table.

We want to thank his lovely companion, Judy Kilbourne, for bringing him such joy, love and care during the last chapter of his life. We also want to thank both his incredibly loyal business support team, and in recent months, his outstanding medical support team. Our family is eternally grateful.

There will be a private family funeral. There are two opportunities for a visitation with his family at the All Saints Anglican Church, 30 High Street, Huntsville, Ontario, on Thursday, September 24th, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Friday, September 25th, between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

There will also be a Celebration of Life on what would have been his 100th birthday, Saturday, September 26th, at the Grandview Golf & Country Club (245 Grandview Dr. North, Huntsville, Ontario), between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (speeches at 4:30 p.m). A Livestream link will be available upon request.

Dad's final honour brought him great pride – the new hospital in his hometown will be named The Bob Hutcheson Huntsville Hospital. This symbolizes a lifetime of leadership and commitment to healthcare for the region and has been supported generously by so many family friends, supporters and admirers.

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JOHN WILLIAM HAWTHORNE
1933 - 2026

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of John William Hawthorne on August 21, 2026, at the age of 93. Predeceased by his beloved wife of 56 years, Audrey (née Davis); and his brothers, Richard (May), Robert (Sara) and Alan (Aura), he was adored by his extended family, including many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

A lifelong sailor and Senator at the Port Credit Yacht Club, John began his career in Montreal in 1948, at the age of 15, as a clerk and quickly worked his way into sales. He retired in 2000 as a partner in Econo-Rack Storage Systems, subsequently enjoying many winter months in Naples, Florida.

The family will receive friends at the Turner & Porter Peel Chapel, 2180 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, on Friday, August 28, 2026, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., immediately followed by a service in the chapel.

If desired, donations may be made to the United Way of Peel Region or The Salvation Army of Canada.

Online condolences may be made through www.turnerporter.ca.

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KEITH MALCOLM JONES

It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Keith Malcolm Jones on Friday, August 21, 2026, surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Karen May Jones for 59 years. Loving father of Cheryl Jones (Paul) and Kevin Jones (Jennifer). Cherished grandfather of Eleanor, Isabelle, Alexandra, and Gwenyth. Uncle of Lindsay, Megan, and Andrew. Dear brother of Craig Jones (Caren) and brother-in-law of Marlene Jones and John Poaps.

After meeting his wife Karen at Leaside High School and earning a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Toronto (6T6), Keith enjoyed a successful career at Pratt & Whitney in Montreal and at Ontario Power Generation in Toronto. He was happiest when spending time with family and friends. He loved riding his motorcycle, country music, camping at Killbear Provincial Park, and especially skiing at Beaver Valley Ski Club, where he made many wonderful memories and lifelong friendships.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Parkinson Canada—http://donate.parkinson.ca/goto/keithjones.

A celebration of his life will be arranged at a later date.

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ROSEMARY REED
July 4, 1947
August 20, 2026

Rosemary Reed was born in Toronto, Ontario, on July 4, 1947, to parents, John Reed and Margaret Keiller, and died in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

Rosemary was a loving and cherished partner to David Poitevin for over 40 years; and an adoring and inspiring mother to her daughter, Ashley. She was a beloved sister to Joan (Gary) and Wendy (Wilson); a caring stepmom to Amy (Chris) and Ben (Sheena); and aunt to Jennifer, Jeffrey, Adam (Andrea), and Erin.

Rosemary grew up on Toronto Island and was always proud to share stories of her upbringing in this unique, close-knit, community that faced "the big city."

After relocating to Sault Ste. Marie, Rosemary began her career in Continuing Education at Sault College as a Program Development Manager, where she oversaw Fine Arts, Women's and Community programming. As her role expanded over the years, she took ownership of the implementation of Sault College's provincial employment and literacy programs throughout the Algoma region and was instrumental in the development of first of their kind employment programs for the province of Ontario, in both Sault Ste. Marie and East Algoma.

Rosemary was also a founding member of Sault Ste. Marie's Youth Trust and served as a long-time board member of Program Read and the Algoma Fall Festival.

In all her professional and community endeavours, Rosemary was highly respected by colleagues, peers and collaborators, and held a reputation as a fair and honest leader, willing to support and mentor others, making her a role model for many.

After retiring professionally in 2001, she loved being able to spend more time at the family cottage in the summer and cross-country skiing at Hiawatha in the winter. She embraced all seasons, and the routines and activities she could enjoy with her loved ones and huskies.

Her appreciation of flair and detail made those around her feel seen, admired, and appreciated. She met her match with her husband, David; a partner she loved to the fullest definition. They looked forward to regularly traveling to Toronto and Montreal and visiting their favourite local shops. Raising Ashley, it did not take much to convince her to road trip to any number of concerts or events, embracing a passion for the arts that would later shape and support her daughter's career. No one was prouder.

Rosemary shared a love of dinner parties with her dear friends – always noting it would never make sense to go to a restaurant for dinner, with this gifted talent pool around her. You'd be hard-pressed to find an acquaintance in Sault Ste Marie who had not been gifted her famous holiday "bark."

She will be fiercely missed by all who experienced the joy of knowing her, especially David and Ashley, whose lives she profoundly shaped in the best imaginable way.

She will always be remembered for her dynamite smile.

It should be noted that Rosemary loved to send and receive greeting cards, which you can do so c/o Arthur Funeral Home, to be connected directly with the family. She had requested private family arrangements, over a public service. Donations in Rosemary's memory can be made to the Sault Area Hospital Foundation, a place that took great care of her and will continue to serve the community in ways she and her family value and appreciate.

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YVETTE ROUDY

POLITICIAN, 97

FRANCE'S FIRST MINISTER OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS DROVE MAJOR CHANGE

She 'hounded' president Mitterrand over reimbursements for abortions and helped make contraception more widely available

ADAM NOSSITER

In her role as minister of women's rights, Yvette Roudy launched campaigns to advocate for equality between men and women at school and in the workplace.
JULIEN CASSAGNE/ AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Yvette Roudy, a tenacious feminist who successfully championed state reimbursement for abortions in her role as France's first minister of women's rights, died Aug. 18 in Cabestany, outside Perpignan, on the Mediterranean coast of France. She was 97.

Her death, at a nursing home, was announced by President Emmanuel Macron of France, who saluted her for "a life spent making equality between men and women a real right" and for her "untiring capacity for indignation."

The 1982 law that Ms. Roudy (pronounced ROO-dee) supported, guaranteeing that women's abortions would be covered by France's national medical insurance, united two of her passions: the rights of women and the fight against economic inequality.

Abortion had been legal in France since 1975, but it was available only to women with the means to seek it. That rankled Ms. Roudy, a lifelong Socialist with a working-class background. And as the woman in charge of a newly created ministry, she could do something about it.

"I thought, since this law existed," she recalled in a 2008 interview with France Culture radio, referring to the 1975 law legalizing abortion, "it should be open to everyone, not just those who could afford it."

She added: "This was an inequality requiring a measure of social justice."

Every week for months, she said, she hounded the new French president, her long-time ally François Mitterrand, reminding him of his campaign promise to reimburse women for their abortions, even as the Roman Catholic Church lobbied him in an attempt to thwart her.

"He was very annoyed," Ms. Roudy said, but "he finally gave in."

That persistence was the hallmark of a career that began unpromisingly, under the thumb of a chauvinist father, in Ms. Roudy's telling. Her feminism, she said, sprang from her early resistance to the status quo – an inequality between the sexes that felt stifling in the small town outside Bordeaux where she grew up.

"I had to become what I eventually became on my own," she told France Culture.

Ms. Roudy's two other major initiatives under Mr. Mitterrand encountered mixed success. A 1983 law calling for professional parity between the sexes – in hiring and salaries – remained largely "a dead letter," the newspaper Libération wrote this past week. There was no enforcement mechanism, Ms. Roudy said in a 2019 interview with Le Parisien, and employers "had no desire to enforce it."

She had better luck with her determination to make contraception more widely available, bringing the issue to the attention of every French household with an advertisement directed by the filmmaker Agnès Varda that was broadcast on prime time television. Again, the Catholic Church lobbied against her.

But she knew what she was up against. "Machismo in France is stronger," she told The New York Times in 1985, comparing the situation in her own country unfavourably with what she thought prevailed in the United States.

Even so, she was dismissive of the idea that condescending treatment of women was simply a matter of culture – French culture, specifically.

"I have no idea if there is such a thing as 'French gallantry,' and to tell you the truth, I'm not in the least bit interested," she told the magazine Le Nouvel Obs in 2018. "What I want is for men to stop rubbing themselves up against women in the metro, among other things, and that they stop thinking they are naturally superior."

Yvette Saldou was born on April 10, 1929, in Pessac, the youngest of three children of Jeanne (Dicharry) Saldou and Joseph Saldou, a metalworker who had been disabled by injuries in World War I and was employed by the municipal government.

When Yvette was 12, her mother died. Under pressure from her father, who saw no need for her to pursue further education, she left school at 16 to work as a secretary at a local fish-processing factory. She began studying at night for her baccalauréat – roughly equivalent to a high school diploma and all-important in France – and finally obtained it at 26.

In 1951, she married Pierre Roudy, a teacher who later became the head of one of France's national theatre schools, and they moved to Scotland, where he had obtained a teaching job.

She learned English as well, and when they returned to France in 1955, she became friendly with the feminist Colette Audry. In 1964, Ms. Audry suggested that Ms. Roudy translate *The Feminine Mystique*, Betty Friedan's recently published and hugely influential book expressing the frustrations of women who felt trapped or subordinated in domestic roles.

"I was already a feminist, by intuition," she told Libération in 2019. "But doing this translation allowed me to give words to what I was feeling deep inside."

Through Ms. Audry, she met Mr. Mitterrand, who was running as a Socialist in a failed bid for the presidency in 1965, and her own career in politics began. Ms. Roudy was serving as a Socialist deputy in the European Parliament by the time Mr. Mitterrand finally became president in 1981 and appointed her as the women's rights minister, a position that she held until 1986.

Afterward, she went on to serve two stints as a member of the French parliament from the Calvados department in Normandy, from 1988 to 1993 and from 1997 to 2002. She also served as the mayor of the Norman town Lisieux from 1989 to 2001.

Pierre Roudy died in 2012. Yvette Roudy leaves no immediate family.

After she left government service, Ms. Roudy continued to be regularly consulted by successors to the ministerial position she had held and by journalists eager for her views on the progress of women in France. The #MeToo movement, she told Le Nouvel Obs in 2018, was "making the patriarchy tremble."

But she hadn't lost her hardheaded realism about who was calling the shots in French politics.

As she had observed on the television program Apostrophes more than three decades earlier, when her book *À Cause d'Elles* (loosely translated as *Thanks to the Women*) came out, "All the rules have been dictated by men. They made all this stuff up in the backrooms of bistros."

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

SHELLEY FABARES

ACTOR, SINGER, 82

Television star landed her first big role on The Donna Reed Show

LINDSEY BAHR

During her time on The Donna Reed Show, Shelley Fabares got a recording contract and had two Top 40 hits, including Johnny Angel.
HULTON ARCHIVE VIA GETTY IMAGES

Shelley Fabares, an actor who was a fixture on television for decades from her days as a young teenager on *The Donna Reed Show*, through *One Day at a Time* and *Coach*, has died. She was 82.

She died Saturday in Los Angeles, her family said in a statement to the Associated Press. No cause was given.

"To her family and friends, Shelley was a source of love, strength, laughter, and comfort," her family wrote. "She had a remarkable ability to make people feel welcomed, valued, and cared for."

Ms. Fabares was born in Santa Monica, Calif., in 1944, and started acting as a young child. Her first television credit came at the age of 10 when she appeared on *The Loretta Young Show*. Many movies and television shows followed: She acted with Paul Newman, Frank Sinatra and Eva Marie Saint in a Producers Showcase production of *Our Town*; was in the Rosalind Russell movie *The Girl Rush* and the Rock Hudson drama *Never Say Goodbye*. Other early credits include *Annette*, *Captain Midnight* and the *Black Leather Jackets* episode of *The Twilight Zone*.

Her biggest break came when she was cast as Mary Stone on *The Donna Reed Show*, where she was a regular from 1958 through 1963. During that time she also got a recording contract and had two Top 40 hits, including *Johnny Angel*. In the early 1960s, she also co-starred in three movies with Elvis Presley: *Girl Happy*, *Spinout* and *Clambake*.

"I think the years on *The Donna Reed Show*, the years from 14 to 19, were so incredibly important," Ms. Fabares told the Los Angeles Times in 1993. "Donna Reed was simply an extraordinary woman, a woman of great strength, kindness, integrity and compassion. I am not trying to make her sound like a saint, but she had the most profound influence on me. I carry her with me today."

In the late 1970s, Ms. Fabares made an impression as Francine Webster on the CBS sitcom *One Day at a Time*. She also played James Caan's wife in *Brian's Song*. One of her biggest roles came when she was cast as Christine Armstrong in *Coach*, although the show took a minute to find its audience.

"I did always feel from the very beginning if they could find the right spot for us, this was a show that would last," she said in the 1993 Los Angeles Times interview.

Ms. Fabares married twice, first to producer Lou Adler in 1964. She had been married to *M-A-S-H* actor Mike Farrell since 1984. She was also a devoted advocate for Alzheimer's awareness, which affected her mother.

In early 1999, a visit to the emergency room for an esophageal bleed revealed that she had progressive liver failure. After spending 22 months on a waiting list, she had liver transplant surgery in October, 2000.

In an interview with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles three years after the transplant, she said she'd been "changed by the experience" and was eternally grateful to Mr. Farrell who was with her "every step of the way."

Her family, in their statement, said "we will remember Shelley for her kindness, loyalty, wit, courage, and beautiful spirit. We will miss her deeply – not only as a celebrated performer, but as the loving and extraordinary person she was in our everyday lives."

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